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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mr Lyttelton

MR Oliver Lyttelton's decision to leave politics and to return to the business world had been the cause of speculation for some time and therefore caused no surprise. He was anxious to resume the Chairmanship of the Associated Electrical Industries Ltd but was reluctant to announce his resignation from the Government as long as there was any crisis in the colonies. The announcement of his decision earlier this week is at least official indication that while great problems still remain for the successor, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the worst of the serious colonial troubles are over. He leaves with the Government's gratitude for fulfilling with credit and distinction the heavy obligations placed in his care in 1951. It might be said that Mr Lyttelton has always been an administrator before a politician. A single-minded devotion to the job in hand seemed more important to him than party doctrine. He has been one of Sir Winston Churchill's chief lieutenants and was selected by the war-time Cabinet chiefly for his administrative ability and his renown in the commercial world. He was the author of war-time price controls and was the first Minister responsible for post-war reconstruction. In the House of Commons he was not regarded as a brilliant speaker but he did earn the reputation of going straight to the point of his subject and dealing with every problem exhaustively. Mr Lyttelton cannot be regarded as an architect of colonial policy. His task was to pursue and improve upon the post-war British policy of bringing constitutional advances to the colonies and if he has been impulsive and hasty in his actions on occasions these have not become permanent blemishes on his record. The Communist menace in Malaya has been reduced to almost negligible proportions. The Mau Mau problem has been dealt with ruthlessly and, despite his harsh and repressive methods, the position in Kenya has obviously improved. Britain has much to thank Oliver Lyttelton for. He will be missed as an able and energetic minister in the Cabinet and one who was renowned for his sincerity and his deep interest in the welfare of the colonial people.

FORMOSA TO GET SABRE JETS

Wanted For Strikes Against Red China

Better Match For MIGs

Washington, July 30.

The United States is sending a shipment of F-86 Sabre jet fighter planes to the Chinese Nationalist Air Force on the island of Formosa, it was authoritatively learned today.

Officials said the jets would be on their way "soon" but they would not say how many or suggest when they would reach the Nationalist stronghold.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is reported to be alarmed at the evidence of a build-up of a force of Soviet-built MIG fighters at bases along the Mainland across the 100-mile wide Formosa Straits. The Nationalist Air Force has been using some United States F-48 Thunder jets which are no match for the MIG and it is understood they had sought about 150 of the more advanced Sabre jets to increase their hit-and-run raids on the Mainland, shipping and Communist-held islands.

The jet planes would be provided under the provisions of the United States Mutual Security act, which authorised military as well as economic aid to overseas allies.

The activities of the Nationalist planes and the possibility of Communist Chinese retaliation has caused some diplomats here to worry about the prospect of a heavy clash which could spread beyond the opposing forces.

It was noted that in apologising to Britain for shooting down a British airliner off the island of Hainan last Friday, the Chinese Communists said they had mistaken it for a Nationalist plane.

This explanation was not accepted in Washington as the airliner had been plainly marked. It appeared to military men that the Communists were getting more and more "trigger-happy" in their sensitivity to the Nationalist raids and that unless the United States took a determined stand further incidents involving international air traffic over the China Sea would happen.

CRISIS ABATES
This determined stand was evident when two Chinese fighters were shot down by planes from two United States aircraft carriers which had rushed to the Hainan island area to assist in and give protection to the search for the British airliner's survivors.

The critical situation which developed over these aircraft incidents is now seen in Washington as having eased considerably with the withdrawal of the two carriers on completion of their search operations in the region. Thus, removing what the Communists said was "deliberate provocation" to new trouble.

The Navy Department reported that the carriers had gone back to their normal training exercises and would be operating in the Philippines area—Reuters.

NEW TACTICS
Washington, July 30.
State Department officials were "working very actively"

US Professor Boards Polish Ship

London, July 30.

Dr Joseph Cort, 26-year-old American professor who has been refused permission to stay in Britain, boarded a Poland-bound freighter tonight in the shadow of the Tower of London.

He joined the Polish Government's 3,219-ton vessel Jaroslaw Dabrowski, under conditions of secrecy and barricaded himself in his cabin. The vessel is due to sail for Gdynia with Dr Cort and his wife Ruth, 28, aboard at midnight (GMT) tonight.

From Gdynia, Dr Cort, charged by the United States Government with evading military service and ordered back to America, will travel overland with his wife to Czechoslovakia.

Earlier today, it was disclosed in the House of Commons that he had been granted political asylum by the Czechoslovakian Government—Reuters.

Censure Of McCarthy Demanded

Washington, July 30.

Senator Ralph Flanders today asked the Senate to censure a fellow Republican, Senator Joseph McCarthy, for conduct that tended to bring the Senate into disrepute.

In a prepared address, Senator Flanders presented a "bill of particulars" accusing Senator McCarthy of contemptuous refusal to answer questions raised by a Senate Rules Sub-Committee in 1950 relating to Senator McCarthy's integrity.

Senator Flanders, who is 73, said the Senate's honour and in addition, the nation's honour, had been compromised by McCarthy's "irresponsible staff".

Senator McCarthy had an "habitual contempt for people and had used abusive language to General Ralph Zwicker, a much decorated war hero, 'that no one with any human decency would have used'."

STEVENS 'APPEASED'
Flanders said a row which provoked the recent McCarthy Army hearings might never have occurred if the Secretary of the Army, Mr Robert Stevens, had not tried to appease the Senator.

"I think one may say with some assurance," he continued, "that there are three who cannot be appeased. They are, or have been, Hitler, the Kremlin and the Senator."

Senator Flanders said the loss of Senator McCarthy's efforts from the field of Communist hunting, if it happened, would be "no loss at all to the anti-Communist campaign". His contribution had been "minor and comparatively unimportant"—Reuters.

'I Don't Want A War With Red China Immediately'

—SAYS RHEE

'But Let's Start Planning'

Washington, July 30.

The South Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee, said in a speech today the United States should prepare a long term but "definite" plan "to save China" from the Communists.

He said he was not proposing that the United States should go to war with Communist China "immediately" but he was presenting for United States consideration a long term policy that he believed would lead to the preservation of freedom not only in Asia but in Europe and other areas.

"My advisors believe it is feasible to push the Reds out without serious risk of precipitating a third world war," he added.

President Rhee said in an address to the Overseas Writers Club here that he did not mean to create the impression that in his speech to Congress on Wednesday that he was asking for immediate United States assistance for an immediate offensive to clear the Communists out of North Korea.

He said he had condensed his speech at the last minute and that possibly he had given the wrong impression.

NOT ABANDONED HOPE
But the South Korean President made it clear, despite American coolness, he had not abandoned his hope that the United States would agree to a resumption of the war to unite the peninsula.

"In my speech to Congress I was trying to make clear that it should be the policy of the United States to save China in order to save us all."

"It is my opinion that if we decided to save China, the way can be opened for operations in Mainland China via routes in Korea, Formosa and Indo-China."

"But if we place China far down the list of priorities for action, we run the grave risk of losing these routes."

DEFINITE PLAN
"I did not mean to suggest that the United States should decide now that it is necessary to save China."

"If that decision was made now, we can all join in preparing a definite plan for what is to be done in the future. We can all co-operate in seeking such an objective."

"The United States should make the freeing of China a part of its own permanent policy and we should all seek to strengthen and implement that policy as rapidly as may be possible."

President Rhee called for a "crusade" in the United States and other countries to impress the non-Communist peoples that the problem of opposing Communism was an urgent problem.

"Certainly, Korea would be an ardent participant," he said. "In the meantime, the United States would be building strong defence forces in Korea, Formosa, Thailand, the Philippines and Indo-China."—Reuters.

Cutburth Advised Not To Fly To Hainan.

Washington, July 30.

American and British officials in Hongkong have discouraged an American pilot from going into Red Chinese territory to search for a possible plane survivor, the State Department said today.

A spokesman said Perry B. Cutburth of Pittsburgh, Kansas, told authorities he was willing to fly alone to Communist held Hainan Island, close to the place where Communist planes shot down a British airliner.

Cutburth raised the possibility that Leonard Lee Parrish, one of the three Americans presumably killed in the crash, is still alive. He quoted a report that a rescue boat was seen in the area after the disaster a week ago.

The State Department spokesman said Cutburth was "not encouraged to undertake such a mission" because there was "little likelihood" that Parrish survived because of the risks involved.

He said the British, who maintain diplomatic relations with Communist China, had been asked to raise the question of possible survivors with the Communists. The Communists had told the British after the crash that they would look for survivors, it was reported.—United Press.

New TV Bill Becomes Law

London, July 30.

The British Conservative Government's controversial bill to introduce commercial television in Britain became law today with the granting of the Royal Assent in the House of Lords.

The new service, a rival to the British Broadcasting Corporation's monopoly, will receive most of its revenue from advertisements.

There will be an independent television authority which will be responsible for the programmes—Reuters.

Frozen Cat

Sydney, Australia.

A cat that strayed into a freezing chamber where rabbit carcasses were stacked was found some hours later white with frost and apparently frozen solid.

But after two hours in the sun on a mat, where it was placed by a worker, the cat thawed and rather stiffly walked away—China Mail Special.

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Chou Leaves For Peking

Paris, July 30.

The Chinese Premier, Mr Chou En-lai left for Peking by air from Moscow today, Radio Moscow announced.

The Chinese Premier was seen off at the airport by Mr V. M. Molotov and the North Yunnan delegate to the Geneva Conference, Mr Pham Van Dong.

Mr Chou was accompanied by two members of his staff—France Press.

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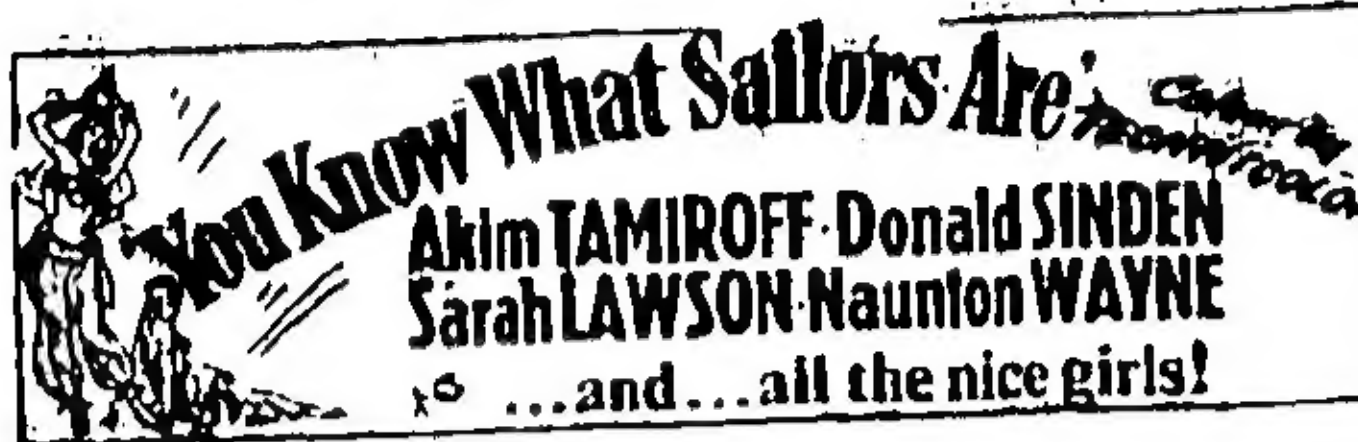
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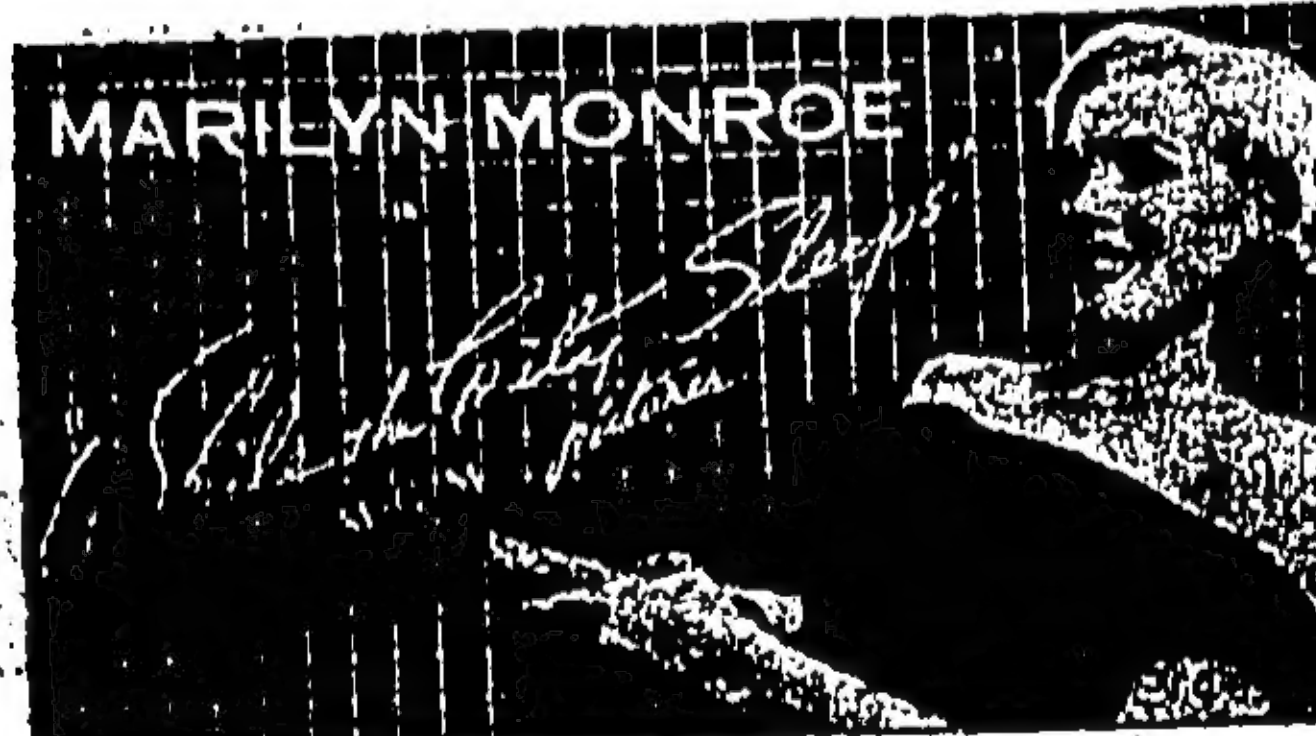
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FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By JANE ROBERTS

A musical comedy, a western, a British comedy, a sultry romance, a crime thriller, an adventure story and something specially for Chinese audiences—they're all there to choose from over the holiday. And while most of us are hoping for a fine day, no doubt the Cinema owners are invoking the aid of the Rain God to swell the Box Office coffers!

The KING'S and PRINCESS have their last showing of "YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE" today. Tomorrow they should be starting "ARROWHEAD". The EMPIRE will show "ARROWHEAD" at the same time, with "ALADDIN AND HIS LAMP" finishing today. "SKY COMMANDO" and "THE LAST POSSE" are scheduled for the KING'S and PRINCESS after "ARROWHEAD".

At the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA a "NEW FACES" is on and after that the programme will change to "THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY".

The picture that takes over from "ROCKET MAN" at the ROXY and BROADWAY is a romantic extravaganza called "PRINCESS OF THE NILE" and at the CAPITOL and LIBERTY you can see "WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS".

Continuing round the first run theatres, there's "LAUGHING ANNE" at the HOOVER and this should be following it with a film that was due some weeks back but didn't materialise then, "FLIGHT NURSE".

Chinese readers will be glad to know that the LEE and GREAT WORLD are entering exclusively for them, with a Chinese picture until the end of next week, when the change will be to "THE GLASS WEB".

Now let's look at these shows in more detail.

To those of you who've not already seen "YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE", I'd say go and see it if you're English (or Irish, or Scots, or Welsh) and don't mind a yid dig at the pomposity that's sometimes to be found in the higher ranks of the Navy.

In actual fact, unlike many British comedies, this one should amuse almost everyone. The humour isn't so exclusively insular. There are plenty of pretty girls whose appeal to the male sex anyway—is fairly universal and it's in Technicolor.

The old service adage that any inanimate object should be painted (anything moving being automatically salutable), starts the ball rolling in "YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE". After a rather hectic night out, Donald Sinden and two other young Naval officers fix a pawnbroker's sign, together with the skeleton of an old pram, to one of the ships in the dockyard.

Not only in the cold light of day does the ship turn out to be a foreigner, but an enthusiastic brush wielder on board has risen before the early dew and given the inanimate object the routine treatment. Classics are trained on the "thing" from many points of vantage and as most of the characters in this film are, allowing for the exaggeration permitted a comedy, very true to life, they behave in the all too human way we expect. Not having the slightest idea what the new gadget is, each one feels complete familiarity with it.

And what of Donald Sinden? As the Victorian novelist would say, "Imagine his discomfort!"

His discomfort is increased by being placed in even closer proximity to the object, which by now has reformed the proportions of a new secret weapon—he's posted to the foreign ship.

All this introduction to the adventures that befall Sinden is most amusingly put over. I saw the shadowy forms of several friends behind his slightly over-the-top, but fundamentally stable picture of the young Naval officer while Naunton Wayne as his senior officer bumbles so convincingly that I feel he must have been im-

personating a character he knew!

The foreign ship, bearing Donald Sinden as radar adviser, takes off for Agaña. The President of the country is a passenger on board and Sinden's obvious reluctance to touch on the subject of the new piece of equipment arouses his suspicions.

It's all very nicely done, but when he arrives in Agaña, Sinden is a "free" captive. To keep him happy while the secret of the gadget is wormed from him, the girls are provided—and that's how they get into the picture. Good fun for everyone.

CHALLENGING NAMES

"ARROWHEAD" is a western and has three challenging names leading the cast. There's Jack Palance whom you either love or loathe, Charlton Heston, who's been seen here in so many varied roles lately, and there's Katy Jurado—the Mexican actress who was part of Cary Cooper's past in "HIGH NOON".

I don't take them in turn. I don't know what Jack Palance's ancestry is, but in war paint and Apache headdress he makes one of the most convincing "white" Red Indians I've seen.

Not a sympathetic one is he in "ARROWHEAD". In fact the untrustworthiness of every member of the Apache tribe is what Charlton Heston is trying to prove to the U.S. Cavalry all through the picture.

An unusual note is struck by showing Palance in contrasting dress—as an educated Indian in the garb of the white man and then to point up his dual personality, in war paint and feathers when he reverts to his true nature—leading his tribe against his devoted teachers.

An outdoor role always suits Charlton Heston better than a drawing-room atmosphere and with long silhouettes, a jauntily rucked slouch hat and a gun slung at his hip he's a far more romantic figure than in a lounge suit.

He's a scout in "ARROWHEAD"—not the "Rub two sticks together" type, but a wily fellow brought up by the Apaches after they'd murdered his parents and hating them as fiercely as Toriano (Jack Palance) loathes him.

I can't understand why the American Army is so often depicted employing these scouts for their detailed knowledge and insight into the red man's mind and then in nine cases out of ten disregarding their counsel.

It's Charlton Heston's misfortune—and that of the many U.S. Cavalrymen—we've got to believe in "ARROWHEAD" and not until the last reel is his true worth appreciated.

It takes almost as long for him to get the girl too!

Katy Jurado is, needless to say, not the girl he gets. Although there's an understanding of sorts between them, the Apache blood is naturally in the way of a permanent attachment. And anyway, we're led to understand that her intentions are not strictly honourable. The Nice Girl is Mary Sinclair.

Like "YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE" it's in Technicolor.

ALADDIN TALE

I always feel that Aladdin tales should always be shown at Christmas—I suppose it's because of their pantomime connotation. However, we've got the last showing of a midsummer "ALADDIN AND HIS LAMP" at the EMPIRE today.

It's a Walter Wanger production (Joan Bennett's husband—remember?) in Cinemascope.

The Princess Jasmine, in spite of (from the title) the apparent prominence of Aladdin, seems to be the central character in the film. At least, her name is better known than that of the player of Aladdin.

It's our heroine of "DRUMS OF TAHTI"—Patricia Medina. This young pickpocket who aspires to her hand and palace gardens is John Sarsis.

As in "YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE" there are sundry "palace beauties" to keep your interest moving when the plot rests for a moment and there's a wicked friend to be dealt with by the Genie of the Lamp. Prince and Genie are respectively John Dehner and Charles Horvath.

In "NEW FACES" Mary McLeod Bethune is played by Eartha Kitt. It doesn't seem to have much of a connecting link between the

various acts on the playbill being the behind-the-scenes struggle to raise the money to pay the performers. Apart from that, everything's concentrated on the various turns. This is for you if you like Variety shows.

What a cast for "THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY"! John Wayne, Claire Trevor, Laraine Day, Robert Stack, Jan Sterling, Phil Harris (in a very serious role), Robert Newton and David Brian.

I can't think of any better way of sketching the characters some of them play than by quoting from the Press Book:—

"A Trans-Atlantic Pacific Airways plane takes off from Honolulu airport carrying the most bizarre group of people ever thrown together by fate. Heading the list are co-pilot Dan Roman (John Wayne) who has used up his nine lives and is starting on ten; Sally McKee (Jan Sterling) who lives in a world of whistles; still burning (Karen Sharpe) still burning (Karen Sharpe) still burning (Karen Sharpe) strictly a night-time woman; Ken Childs (David Brian) a wealthy collector of other men's wives; and Lydia Rice (Laraine Day) who is as low as high society can get."

The story covers the period of 12 hours it takes for the aircraft to fly from Honolulu to San Francisco and the emphasis is on the characters of the passengers and crew.

We see them first, at the start of the journey, as they would like the world to think of them. As the plane gets under way though, it's obvious that all isn't as it appears on the surface. The tension is broken by one of the passengers threatening with a gun and quickly on the heels of this crisis follows another—one of the engines catches fire and the pilot's nerves are proved to be unsteady. Robert Stack is the pilot.

If you've read the novel by Ernest K. Gann you'll know what follows and if you haven't I won't spoil your fun by telling you who comes out of the incident well and who lets the side down.

All these stars usually have something to offer—we hardly ever get a flat performance from any of them—and as in "THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY" they have plenty to do. It's a picture in which I think most people (except the light entertainment only fans) will find something.

The picture's in Cinemascope and once again the background music is in the capable hands of Dimitri Tiomkin.

EXOTIC EXTRAVAGANZA

Continuing their short rest from Cinemascope pictures, the ROXY and BROADWAY have "PRINCESS OF THE NILE" in 2D. And before you start thumbing through your notebook to find out which of the new super excellent techniques I'm referring to, let me admit that I've tricked you and that it's just another name for plain, old fashioned, ordinary cinema.

Set in Egypt, A.D. 1240, is the setting for this exotic extravaganza, with Debra Paget as the Princess Shallmar of the Nile for half the time and Taura the Dancer for the other half.

Politics come somewhere into the story, with Shallmar trying to bring about an uprising against the ruler of the city of Heliopolis on the Nile, Michael Ronnie (It's a pity to have to hiss such a nice villain) is the leader of a Bedouin tribe who has taken over Heliopolis and the hero who enters to the rescue is Jeffrey Hunter—son of the Caliph of Baghdad.

As in "ALADDIN AND HIS LAMP", a lot of stealthy creeping in and out of the palace goes on before the villain is vanquished and the hero (cheers!) is victorious.

I must say Debra Paget makes a very luscious princess and/or dancer.

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started life as "THE ASPHALT JUNGLE"—a much more provocative title I think. Whatever the title, the adjective can certainly be applied to one of its stars—Marilyn Monroe. With her are Sterling Hayden, Louis Calhern and Jean Hagen. The director is the man who can usually be relied on to produce something startling out of the bag—John Huston.

As I believed I mentioned previously, I very much enjoyed "LAUGHING ANNE" when I saw it in England last year. I've never been among those staunch admirers of Margaret Lockwood who maintain that her acting ability ranks with such topnotch as Ellen Hester and Colin Johnson. But in "LAUGHING ANNE" I was surprised to find that she seemed to have developed suddenly.

It's a very melodramatic story—one of Joseph Conrad's—but something seems to skip it from wallowing in cheap sentiment every time it looks like going under.

Laughing Anne was no saint, and back in the 1880s, that laugh of hers was known in every bar east of Suez. Yet only a few years before she had been the toast of Paris, the idol of the elegant, raffish night-club where she sang. Debonair Jean Farrell was her lover—the heavyweight challenger of the famous knuckle-fighter John L. Sullivan for the Championship of the World.

Farrell never met Sullivan—the crooks who tried to fix the fight fixed Jean instead. In the chambers of a free-for-all battle, Farrell's hands were so badly hurt that Anne knew he would never fight again. Farrell drifted to the Eastern Sea and with him was the faithful Laughing Anne.

Forrest Tucker is Jean—not only are his hands unfit for fighting but they're almost entirely useless and his temper and moods are those of a man sick in mind and body.

Anne tries to leave him for Wendell Corey and there's an idyllic interlude on his trading schooner.

But Anne was born under a tragic star and at the end of the film we find Wendell Corey sailing his ship alone with Anne's young son, Davy, as his companion. I confess I was blowing my nose furiously at the end of this film with mentally awarding full marks to the three stars for keeping me so intent on the screen for an hour and a half.

FLIGHT NURSE

"FLIGHT NURSE" deals with the duties and leisure hours of the girls who cared for the wounded on the flying ambulances evacuating them from Korea.

The particular nurse whose adventures we follow is Joan Leslie, and in quite a different role from the one she plays in "LAUGHING ANNE" there's Forrest Tucker to provide the love interest.

As Technical Adviser on this picture, to make sure they got all the details right, was the Chief Nurse of the 4th Air Force—Captain Lillian Kinkadee, who has flown 425 trips during her career with the Army.

"THE GLASS WEB" is a crime thriller centred about a television programme called "Crime of the Week".

Kathleen Hughes is the star of the show, but not content with this, runs a nice little blackmailing business on the side. Her two victims are getting almost to saturation point when Kathleen is found murdered. Whodunnit?

You may not want to feel sorry for her obviously, because the publicity captions say "she's cute as a kitten...with poisoned claws! Paula was bad, beautiful and bold as Sin (capital 'S', please note) and BORN TO BE MURDERED".

Your choice of suspects includes Edward G. Robinson and John Forsythe. This item is a young man of "ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO".

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Old Masterpieces Recovered From The Ruins Of Rome

Rome. Last week Roman art critics began to feel saturated with masterpieces from by-gone centuries.

Workers in Tivoli dug out a fine Roman statue to climax a week in which paintings by Flemish 17th century master Van Dyck, and Italy's Tintoretto were discovered in the dusty cellars of a cathedral and an art gallery.

Experts said the finds were among the most important ever made in a country where pieces of ancient and renaissance art are being pulled out of the soil almost daily. They had no doubt about the authenticity of the Van Dyck and the statue of the other pointing, they said it was almost certainly Tintoretto and certainly from the 17th century.

The broken marble statue of a Roman deity, one of the greatest sculptures of ancient Greece who lived in the fifth century B.C., was found by workers digging in the grounds of the villa of Roman Emperor Hadrian on the hills near Tivoli.

Most works of ancient Greek sculpture have been lost and are known only through descriptions. The statue of the goddess Athena, one of Polykleitos' famous subjects, and several copies exist. But the statue found in Tivoli, in spite of some damage, was considered among those best approaching the perfection of the original.

VAN DYCK SIGNATURE

The Van Dyck painting, representing the "Pietà" or Mary's mourning over the body of Christ, was discovered in the vaults of the Palazzo Bianco in Genoa, where it had been lying for decades.

The small painting, first believed to be a copy of a Rubens' work, was identified when a specialist, cleaning a thick layer of dirt and dust from it brought it to light Van Dyck's signature and the date 1620 in a corner.

Miss A. Mercenaro, the Director of Fine Arts for the City of Genoa, who formally identified the painting, said Van Dyck apparently carried it with him when he went to Genoa in 1621 from England.

It was at the same Palazzo Bianco gallery that an "Ecce Homo" (Jesus crowned with thorns) by Italian 17th century master Michelangelo Caravaggio was discovered recently.

AMAZED AT FIND

But the strangest story of all was that of the reputed Tintoretto.

The large canvas had been used—no one knows how long—to preserve old furniture from dust in the vaults of Milan's world-famous Gothic cathedral.

No one ever bothered to turn the canvas over until a worker removing the furniture last week tore a piece of it away and was amazed to find a finely painted head on the other side.

Experts who took initial cleaning work that it represented the infant Jesus among the doctors of Jerusalem and was a priceless 16th century work—almost certainly a Tintoretto.—United Press.

The Man Who Collects Badges

Vancouver, British Columbia. A Vancouver man who has spent the last 30 years collecting regimental insignias and studying the history of the British Army, is putting the finishing touches to a history of badges for the Vancouver mess of the Irish Fusiliers.

Jim Claxton is no ordinary collector. A veteran of two world wars, he has even fished for the prized pieces of his 2,000 insignia collection.

Although he says there is no end to different insignias, Claxton has limited his collection to the British Commonwealth. The bulk of the badges are British but other Commonwealth countries are well represented. For instance, he has all but all the Canadian line regiments and he hopes to get those within the next few months.

Claxton says there are hundreds of other collectors in the world and most of them trade with one another.

But if anyone wants to expand Claxton's collection, he'll have to be keen—very keen, for he is worth a fortune, for he has a collection of 2,000 insignias and a history of the British Army.—United Press.

Anniversary Of A Big U.S. Airline

Columbus, Ohio.

Twenty-five years ago, two aeroplanes flew out of the Columbus airport in a historic flight—the initial flight in the country's first trans-continental air-mail service.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's very appealing—I always was crazy about bananas!"

How Dynamite Boxes And Swallows Keep Mosquitoes Away

Red Deer, Alberta. Central Alberta oil exploration crews are carrying out an anti-mosquito campaign with their oil dynamite boxes, but they don't know it. The middle-man is a bird, the Purple Martin, who lives in the empty dynamite boxes and eats the mosquitoes—at the rate of 200 a day.

In the Red Deer area south of Edmonton, four-wheel drive trucks are ploughing along rutted roads as seismograph crews seek new places to put down their test holes and explode dynamite.

The trucks carry the dynamite, which is packed in well made wooden boxes. Each box has dove-tailed corners and is built of good quality pine. It is divided into compartments. That makes a nice six-room apartment for a family of Purple Martins.

The Martins are back in Alberta from their wintering quarters in the Amazon jungles of Brazil. Martins are the largest of the swallow family in Canada and are famed as the swallows of the Capistrano Monastery in California. According to legend, the Californian Martins come back to Capistrano on the same day every year, but in Alberta there is a nine-day spread, from April 20 to 29.

On their arrival they find the houses all ready for them. As many as 100 dynamite boxes have been put on posts in back gardens of Red Deer and everywhere of Martins for the summer. A few of the larger boxes contain 30 individual rooms, but most of them just have six.

ON 20-FT. POSTS

The boxes are placed on 20-ft. posts in open gardens away from trees. If tree branches are too close, the Martin will not nest in the box.

Almost every citizen in Red Deer is a member of the Bird Club and most of their activities are confined to studying the ways of the Martins. The birds like a high-placed box that has an overhanging roof to protect the entrance holes, which should be facing east away from the prevailing west wind. The Martins will choose a home with many perches around the box, as they seem to like sitting around home base and making musical comments about bird life. They are clumsy-footed, and the Red Deer Club say the Martins would appreciate a two-

An Hour A Day For The Preachers

Cushing, Oklahoma.

Preachers were expected to pour into the Municipal swimming pool here to mark the inauguration of the "Preachers' Hour."

The City Council set aside one hour each morning for ministers to take a dip in the pool to enable the clergy to take a dip without being criticised for appearing in bathing suits.

United Press.

New Zulu King Ascends The Throne

Johannesburg.

A 20-year-old Zulu chief who likes to drive in expensive American cars, has swapped his pin-stripe pants and cut-away coat for a robe of monkey tails and furled umbrella for a sharp blade throwing spear to lead 10,000 bearded warriors in a symbolic ceremony marking the end of 16 months of mourning among Africa's most famous warrior tribes.

Over 1,000,000 Zulus have mourned their former regent, Chief Edward Mshiyeni Ka Dinzulu since his death in April, 1953. The traditional Zulu, or spear-washing ritual, was ordered by the present paramount chief, Cyprian Bhekezulu to end the mourning period.

Mshiyeni died in a Durban nursing home after long illness, and for more than 16 months the nation has mourned him. Weddings among his immediate family have been forbidden; public dancing and singing has been banned; no fiery has been worn and men have been forbidden to polish up with spirit gum the tightly wound rings of hair they wear on top of their heads.

No food has passed between the dead regent's kraal (village) and other kraals in case it is contaminated by the death. During the mourning, the assegais of the tribe—the flat long-wooded spear made of hard wood—have been left to grow rusty with disuse and by tradition a great hunt is organised to cleanse them.

Ten thousand warriors danced, hunted and feasted at the last kraal in 1954, which followed the death of Chief Solomon, uncle of Cyprian and brother of Mshiyeni. Years ago the kraal was a hunt for an enemy tribe with Zulu spears cleaned in blood, but nowadays the warriors, bedecked in plumed ostrich feather head-dresses, leopard skins and monkey tail robes, hunt only for game across the open veld.

ROUND THE CAULDRON

As the drums sound across the Zulu reservation, a shrill now to almost half its size due to the emigration of thousands of warriors to the big cities of South Africa, the warriors file from their thatched beehive-shaped huts, and chanting, form a circle around a cauldron.

In the cauldron, tended by witch doctors with white painted faces, bubbles a mysterious brew the contents of which have never been revealed to white men. The warriors, led by Chief Cyprian, file past the cauldron and dip the blades of their spears in to cleanse them.

Then they congregate before the chief's hut, roar the traditional royal salute of "Bayete" and disappear into the bush, splitting up into hunting parties of about 20 men.

Wild bucks are the animals most likely to be caught and killed. Animals killed on the hunt are considered defiled by death and not fit to eat. Their bodies are dragged back to the kraals and fed to the dogs.

After the hunt, the warriors wash themselves and their spears in the waters of the Umfolosi River. The day after the hunt is devoted to feasting and the drinking of potent home-brewed Kafir beer.

United Press.

Boy Scouts Will Pan For Gold

Lethbridge, Alberta.

The boy scouts of Troop 10 in this community believe in putting their scouting into practice.

Twenty-five members of the troop will take off next month on a 4,000-mile trip up the Alaska Highway, during which they'll practise camping, cooking, map reading, fishing, and a score of other skills.

The lads also plan something that's not in the scout manual—panning for gold in the north country's roaring streams. They hope to have some souvenirs of the trip.

The boys will travel by bus—rigged out with a special two-day radio to keep the folks at home informed. They'll also take sound and colour movies.

The films will later be shown at scout meetings to provide instruction for other boys. The party will leave Lethbridge, with the scout manual, on a bus, the way the troop will stop at Calgary, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie.—United Press.

Fish (Age, 152) Took The Bait At Last!

Toronto. Biologists of the Ontario department of lands and forests have established that a 215-pound, seven-ft lake sturgeon caught in Lake of the Woods last year was 152 years old.

The fish's age was determined by microscopic examination of a section of a fin sent to headquarters by Ontario district wildlife officers. Dr. Jean-Paul Guerrier, chief limnologist of the Canadian Wildlife service at Ottawa, confirmed the finding.

The scientist explained that annual rings in the fin, similar to those found in trees, can be counted to assess the age.

"This placid curiosity was swimming the waters of the Lake of the Woods at least 10 years before the war of 1812 and managed to escape commercial fishing gear and natural enemies for a century and a half," the department said.—United Press.

[Limnology: study of physical phenomena of lakes.]

How Quickly Can You Do A Manicure?

YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE

Toronto. The Canadian National Exhibition, which customarily puts on competitions ranging from swimming meetings to cooking contests, is going in for some unusual contests this year.

For instance, there will be a \$25 cash prize offered for the lucky lady who can give herself the quickest manicure. Elsa Jenkins, manager of women's activities at the CNE, feels this will give entrants an opportunity to demonstrate the practice they have had at the art. She says clothes make the women but nails make the hand.

If you are more at home in the kitchen than in the fashion parade, you have the chance to share in a \$750 prize given away as cash prizes in baking and preserving competitions.

For the best in new angel cakes, the top contestant will receive a \$50 prize with \$25 and \$15 going to the runners-up. The women who make their own bread and rolls might not cash prize for entering their products in a home-made bread and rolls contest while specialists can excel in a competition for the best in muffins, biscuits and fruited scones.—United Press.



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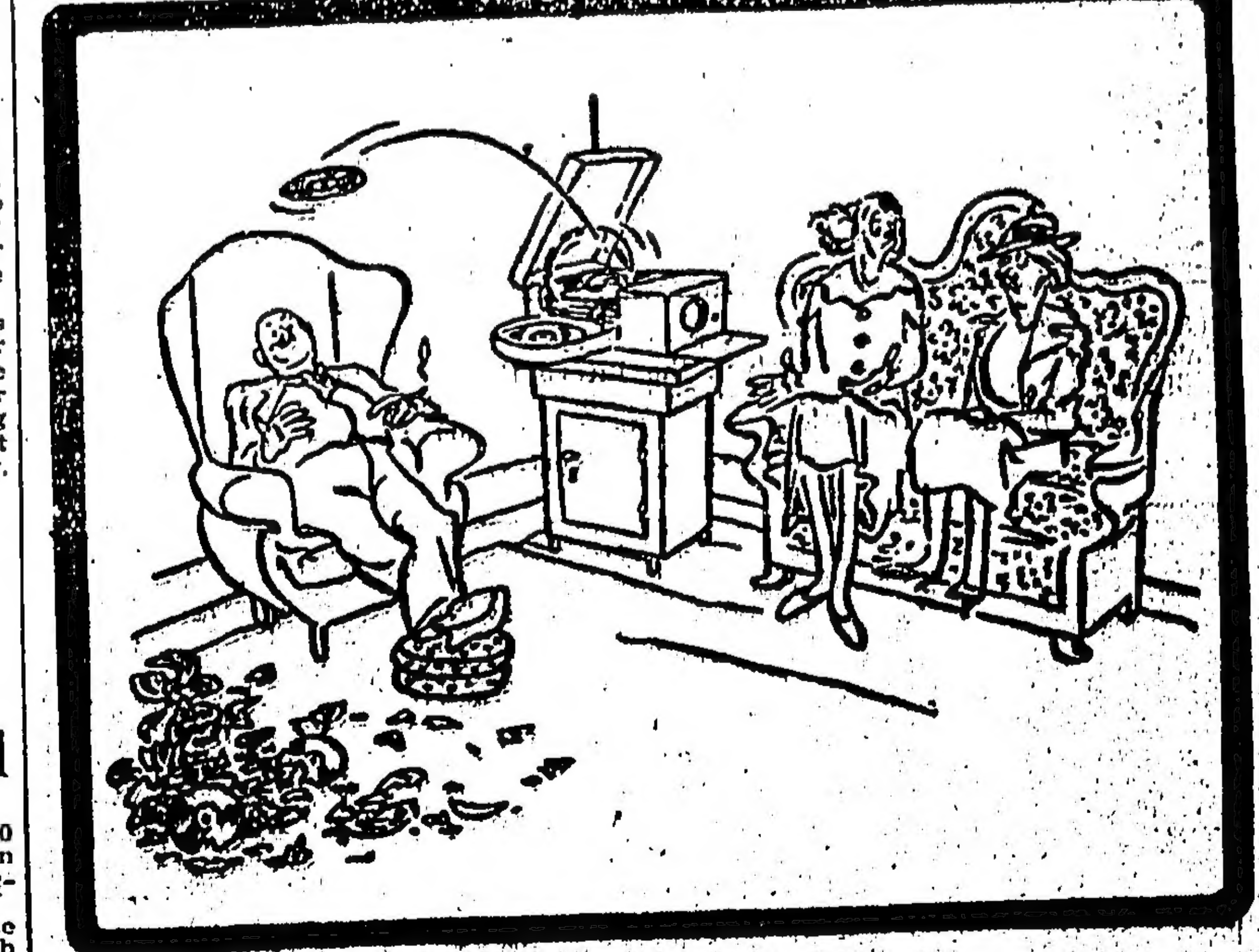
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AT the London Indian Embassy's reception in honour of Premier Nehru's sister, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, President of the United Nations Organisation, Mrs. Pandit (left) is seen chatting with the Maharani of Jaipur, Lady Corea and the Rani Shanker. (Express)



LEFT: Romance... gaiety... the bright lights of the world. All are offered 21-year-old Janet Jones, just appointed the official hostess for Wales by the Welsh Tourist Board. An American heard she was "selling" Wales, and wrote: "How do I go buying a part of it?" (Express)

RIGHT: The victory smile, 1954 version, as worn by Froilan Gonzalez (Argentine), winner of this year's British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Gonzalez drove his Ferrari over the 90 laps at an average speed of 89.69 mph. (Express)



THE entry of 17-year-old Princess Alexandra and 81-year-old Princess Marie Louise into London's Savoy Hotel ballroom for the Dockland Clubs and Settlements Ball created a problem of precedence. Princess Alexandra stood aside, but Princess Marie Louise, who was the guest of honour, refused to go first. "You go first," she insisted — and followed the young Alexandra into the ballroom. (Express)



LANCE CORPORAL A. R. Dean, RAMC, who is a footman to HRH the Duke of Cornwall, deals with a casualty during an exercise with a field ambulance unit during his 15 days' Emergency Reserve training in camp at Stanford, Norfolk. (Army News)



HARDY AMIES, one of Britain's top fashion designers, gave a party for visiting American fashion experts last week. Here he draws his guests' attention to an amusing incident. On the left is Mary Ann Nordeman and on the right Lee Kimbal. (Express)



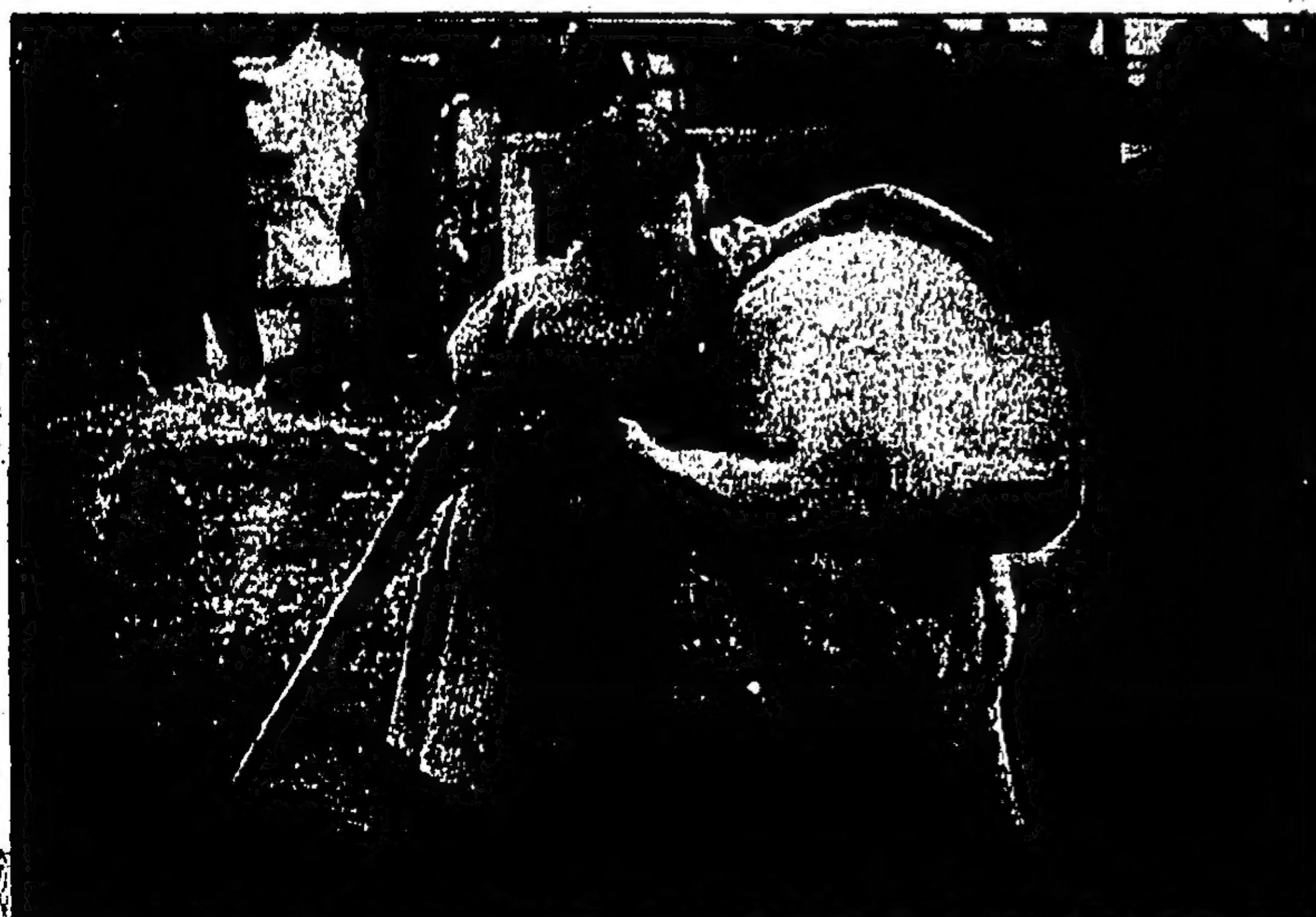
THESE two smartly dressed women, Kathleen Skillern (left) and Edna Slack are London detective constables who helped to bring about the capture of two mailbag bandits. They had to live in a caravan and pose as nurses, watching for weeks a suspect living in another caravan. (Express)



THESE pretty girls from France were among the many from the Continent taking part in the music festival, the International Elsteddfod, in Wales. It will soon be their turn to sing, but first a bit of grit has to be removed from 18-year-old Monique Bourdarius's eye. So 17-year-old GINETTE DAUZIER helps to remove it. (Express)



DAPHNE CASE, 33-year-old champion woman shark angler of Britain, pictured aboard her 13-ton launch, Knight Errant. Her catches help Cornish fishermen. "The sharks damage many nets each summer," she says. She is a mother of three children. (Express)



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Rosemund Buckle's favourite playmate on her father's farm is this handsome pig. To her delight, she was allowed to parade the champion Middle White pig, Cotton Joyful 1121b, at the Great Yorkshire Agricultural Show. (Express)

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



DAIRY
BOX
MILK
CHOCOLATES

HOME ON THE RANGE

By MARY HEWAT

FROM the almost all-male world at Bisley comes this hint to wise women: You should marry a man with a gun.

Who gives it? A latter-day Annie Oakley of England—Miss Marjorie Foster, crack rifle shot and the only woman ever to win the King's Prize at Bisley.

Says she "You'll never find a good rifle-shot knocking his wife about during the week or losing his temper."

The advice is just as good for men. You won't find a woman who is a good rifle-shot throwing the frying pan, or getting hysterical when only swallows a pin.

Miss Foster, who has been shooting for 34 years (since she was seven) and competing at Bisley for 30 years, thinks the greatest asset in rifle shooting is "imperturbability."

"And that," she says, "is an acquired characteristic. You're not born with it. You have to learn. Rifle shooting requires a good eye, an alert mind, and strong self-discipline."

"If you set off a landmine beside me while I'm sighting on a target I wouldn't notice it."

Miss Foster, a compact woman with close-cropped grey hair, steady grey eyes, slim-fingered muscular hands, is as well known at Bisley as Sir Gordon Richards is at Ascot.

She is there almost every day in the shooting season, turned out in grey slacks, an old khaki Army jacket, a Navy beret or a dishevelled felt hat.

She started shooting in complete defiance of her parents' wishes. "When I was seven," she said, "I was supposed to be weakly. My father was an Army officer. He sent me out to do physical training with an Army sergeant."

"After a while I got bored. So did the sergeant. He suggested he should take me up to the range and teach me to shoot. When my parents found out, they were furious. But it was too late then."

Miss Foster has never shot anything off the range. "I couldn't shoot anything living," she says.

But on the range, since she first entered for Bisley 30 years ago, she has shot at almost everything successfully.

Only four women have ever qualified for the King's Prize—Miss Foster has done it eight times. She won the prize in 1930, came second once, and third once.

She has regularly been the only woman member of Britain's international rifle teams, and has coached almost all of them.

"I never bully them," she says. "If you have a nervous team you don't get results. When they get too tense I tell them a funny story and make them relax."

"My motto is—Keep them Happy." And that isn't bad advice for husbands and wives, with or without a gun.



"O.K. lady your Anglo-American Study Group went home hours ago."

OUT OF THE BLUE

MEMBERS of the Caterpillar Club say that anyone can join—by just dropping in. There is no other formality. However, no one yet has ever wanted to join. This is because a new member "dropping in" must do so by parachute in the course of saving his life from a doomed aircraft.

Once a man has done this he is enrolled automatically and receives the club badge—a tiny, gold caterpillar with his name engraved on the back. This symbolises the silk from which parachutes were originally made (nowadays they are spun from nylon).

There are now over 40,000 members, by far the greatest number of whom "joined" during the Second World War. Curiously enough, however, the founder of the club is not a member although he invented the parachute which saved all those 40,000 lives, and although he has made more than 300 jumps from aircraft while testing his own invention. This is because he didn't have to do so.

This man is Los Angeles-born Leslie Irvin. He it was who realised that the earlier "pull-out" type of parachutes would never be safe for use with aeroplanes. This type was held in a container attached to an airship or kite-balloon and attached to the pilot's harness by the rigging lines. When he jumped the lines pulled the

1. He staked his life on a wisp of silk
by GERALD BOWMAN

parachute out so that it could inflate. The danger here was that the lines would become entangled with an aircraft that was gyrating or spinning out of control. Then the white silk canopy burst out of its folded pack and billowed in the sunshine above him. A few minutes later he landed, safe and cheerful.

Other designs and types there have been and still are in Air Force use, but Irvin's was the first to give the crew of any burning and spinning aircraft a last chance of life.

The first Services member of the Caterpillar Club "joined" just over two years after Irvin's demonstration.

Lieutenant Harold R. Harris, a pilot of long experience, was testing a Loening aircraft with a new type of balanced ailerons. For a while he practised turns, dives, and climbs and

when, at about 2,500 feet, he spotted another aircraft which he knew was being flown by Lt. Fairchild, a comrade, he decided on a spot of light relief. As spirited young pilots have always done—and will always do—Harris dived on his friends, inviting him to a "fight."

The air speeds of those days sound faintly comic to the 600-plus-mile-an-hour jet boys of our H-bomb age. Harris saw that he was doing 150, which was as fast as most fighter pilots had travelled at the time.

Still, 150 miles an hour, in any age and time, is fast enough when an aircraft decides to come apart. Harris, in a light, climbing turn after his foe, suddenly felt a terrific vibration from the wings. Instinctively he levelled off, the machine answering sluggishly and drunkenly to the lateral control.

Then, as he throttled back, he saw large areas of fabric splitting and flying back off the port wing.

Out of the tail of his eye he noticed that the left aileron was stuck upright, almost at right angles to the disintegrating wing. Meanwhile the control stick was buttering at his knees while the aircraft lurched over to the left and plunged earthwards in a screaming 200 m.p.h. dive.

With bits of the port wing collapsing and flying off past his head Harris flicked undone his safety-belt and heaved himself up out of the cockpit.

He found himself apparently floating in mid-air while the aircraft plunged downwards beneath him. The fierce 200-m.p.h. rush of air had lifted him clear before he knew it.

Harris grabbed for the parachute-release and gave a hearty wrench. He waited for the canopy to open and wondered what the jerk would be like. Nothing happened.

He pulled a third time, pulling head over heels, he saw the three streamer away and the big, silken canopy broke out and spread in the sunshine.

Then the somersaulting stopped and he was floating gently down towards a bank of bushes near a couple of isolated houses. But as Fairchild in the other craft was able to tell, Harris had fallen a clear 1,000 feet before he opened his parachute.

He landed safely, but the shock of the fall had done its worst. Harris was badly injured and had to be taken to hospital.

He was in hospital for several weeks, but he was able to get up and walk again.

He was discharged from hospital, but he was still in pain.

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Presenting the Tudor Oyster Prince

For the man whose purse is modest, yet whose aspirations are high, Rolex of Geneva have specially commissioned the Tudor Oyster Prince.

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Thus we have a magnificent watch, thoroughly waterproofed, automatically wound, yet priced at a moderate level.

Rolex of Geneva have submitted the Tudor Oyster Prince to the most rigorous tests ever devised for a self-winding wrist-watch. So impressive were the results of these tests, that it has been decided to make them the subject of a world-wide advertising campaign. The first advertisement in this series is reproduced below.

For those of your customers who look longingly at a Rolex Perpetual, but lack the means to buy one, show them the Tudor Oyster Prince. In its field, this is undoubtedly the finest watch Swiss skill and experience have ever produced. It is retailed to the public, as illustrated.



The Tudor Oyster Prince, sponsored by Rolex of Geneva. Waterproofed by the famous Oyster case, self-wound by the unique "rotor" mechanism, the Tudor Oyster Prince is the most outstanding wrist-watch for its price ever offered to the public.

This advertisement, the first of the new series, features the "Trial of Destruction." Six Tudor Oyster Princes were worn, one after the other, by a workman who spent a total of 30 hours operating a pneumatic drill. As the chisel of the drill bit into granite, each watch suffered over 1,000,000 tremendous shocks. Yet the Tudor watches emerged unharmed and functioning perfectly!



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Yet, six months before, they had been living skeletons infected with tuberculosis in both lungs. They had had no appetite, no ambition, little hope of recovery.

With 60 other patients they had volunteered to be guinea-pigs for tests of a new anti-tuberculosis drug then called Rimfon, now known as INH.

Within days the results of the new treatment became apparent. Temperatures dropped to normal. People who had previously bowed with their food developed ravenous appetites. The 60 guinea-pigs began to plump up.

Without further experiment the remarkable details of these tests were announced. Throughout the world, people read of this fresh chapter of recovery. Here one of the most dreaded of all diseases, on INH, was being beaten back.

INTO A SHABBY-FRONTED Georgian house, a stone's throw from Westminster, flow reports on all the new "wonder drugs." The reports often claim miracle cures. The accompanying publicity gives thousands of sufferers new hope.

But the men who work behind the black-painted doors of No. 38 Old Queen Street make no comment. They are the heads of Britain's Medical Research Council.

The reports are studied dispassionately. Samples of the new drugs are tested. And after months—or even years—of patient clinical research, the Council issues its own report. Only too often the carefully worded verdicts show that it pays to think again on "wonder drugs."

Take, for instance, the latest sure-to-cure answer to tuberculosis.

By A MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A committee of 12 experts on tuberculosis, headed by Sir Geoffrey Mitchell, was set up immediately to investigate the claims. In 39 hospitals doctors gave 178 patients the new drug. After three months the committee published its first report. It said that INH was a useful anti-tuberculosis agent. But given alone it was too weak to beat down the powerful bacteria. The committee's patients were receiving INH, but they were also receiving other drugs.

soon became acclimatised to streptomycin. After that the drug was worse than useless. Indeed, it was actually harmful. Delicate laboratory work invented to find exactly when germs became resistant to streptomycin. This point is now a signal for treatment to stop.

When Swedish scientists introduced the next anti-tuberculosis agent—a chemical called PAS—a Medical Research Council committee and probed claims for its safety and proved claims for its safety. Their thoughts—has resulted in a positive achievement in the fight against tuberculosis.

For, during their investigations, the British scientists found that PAS, used with streptomycin, could stop germs becoming resistant to the American drug.

They also discovered that INH and PAS combined in some ways, better than any tuberculosis drug known. The men behind the black-painted doors in Old Queen Street will continue to check reports of "wonder drugs." They will be particularly cautious of claims for tuberculosis cures. As long as there are reports of "wonder drugs," they will be particularly cautious of claims for tuberculosis cures.

How 'Imperialist' GIs Help Humanity

London.

U.S. armed forces abroad may be denounced by the Communists as agents of "Imperialism" but they were fighting last week on the side of stricken humanity.

In Austria, American troops were saving lives by aiding native villagers to raise levees against the flooding Danube river. U.S. planes have flown supplies to the flood zone. The Americans jumped into the disaster fight in a quick, unhesitating way that is becoming more and more obvious. U.S. troops are stationed around the world.

Floods, earthquakes, avalanches, epidemics all have brought aid, sometimes in massive proportions, from the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force overseas.

When floods raged through southern Japan a year ago, U.S. planes airlifted supplies to 17 isolated areas. Supplies were parachuted to mountainous villages. Air Force rescue boats were used to evacuate orphanages and hospitals.

The G.I.s in Japan and Korea followed up by contributing \$92,000 to the Japanese Red Cross and \$100,000 to the Korean relief agencies. The Air Force itself distributed an extra \$125,000 worth of relief supplies.

FLOOD RESCUE

When a wind-whipped tidal wave broke the dyke at Little Holland and crashed down the sea walls of eastern England in February, 1953, the U.S. armed forces sent \$1,000,000 worth of supplies and equipment: a battalion of engineers, 10 helicopters, and tens of thousands of sandbags to the two countries.

Only a month later, Air Force planes were flying aid to victims of earthquakes that rocked the eastern Mediterranean area. Flying Boxcars airlifted 2,000 blankets and Red Cross medical supplies from Geneva to Turkey. In August 1953, the U.S. Air Force sent \$300,000 worth of medical and hospital equipment to earthquake victims on the Italian Isles of Greece. And a scout by air and sea and the heavy cruiser Salem alone passed out 65 tons of provisions and 5,000 hot meals.

RUSHED BLANKETS

Last October American forces rushed blankets, food and medicine to stricken flood areas of Italy, and during the winter U.S. planes and ships were thrown into relief operations for

victims of avalanches in Austria and Switzerland.

Perhaps the greatest relief operation ever undertaken by the U.S. Air Force involved not an act of nature but an act of cold war politics. The famous Berlin airlift, lasting almost a year while the Communists kept Berlin cut off from the West, cost the Air Force 31 lives in accidents during the round-the-clock shipments of food and supplies.—United Press.

Men Are Still Too Old-Fashioned

San Francisco.

The roles of men and women in marriage are changing so fast that the world has become a confusing place of "new-fashioned women and old-fashioned men," a teacher of family life said.

Mrs. Marjorie Gosgrove, Director of Family Life Education in the Highland Park public schools, Michigan, told the American Home Economics Association that the family life education of a few years ago "is not good enough preparation" for marriage nowadays.

In a speech to the annual meeting of the Association, Mrs. Gosgrove said young people "used to know what to expect from husband or wife—their roles were clearly defined."

"To be a masculine or feminine was a clear-cut picture. The wife knew what her job would be and so did the husband."

She said young people today have not the old traditions to fall back on in making decisions. "Girls are demanding rights that were undreamed of in the past. Many boys and men are hanging on to outmoded ideas. It has become a confusing world of new-fashioned women and old-fashioned men."

THE DRUMS BEAT in Poto-poto



TOM STACEY

sends a second despatch from the threshold of the jungle, where he is preparing for an exciting journey into the unknown—following the equatorial sun into the hidden heart of Africa.



Brazzaville.

THE drums of Poto-poto do you know what they sound like at night? In this happy-go-lucky Brazzaville suburb I can hear half a dozen drum-and-rattle ensembles synchro-pating in the night air from huts near by.

I am sitting in "Max" Kenyera's clay hut, writing by the flame of a hurricane lamp. The third hut along on the right in the dust lane they call Rue Kassais.

Max has just dined out to my African companion, Erba, and me the local meal he could master.

Many Monks (flicked into the mouth from waist level by pressure of forefinger and thumb), bread and dried butter, petit beurre biscuits.

He was going to give us yams and tapoca. But he had to meet to go with it, so he looked that particular man, altogether and went all European.

But thank you, Max. And now for our celebration. For Max, 2,500 miles from home, was one of my companion, Erba's closest schoolmates back in British Uganda 10 years ago.

He is the only other Muganda in the whole of Brazzaville (pop. 70,000). Yet we fetched up with him in 24 hours after arriving in this heart-of-the-Matter capital town of French Equatorial Africa.

A very African occurrence. Three other Africans have nudged the links in the chain which has drawn us to Max. It went like this:

Number 1 BRILLIANT

AFRICAN No. 1 bumped into us on the stairs of our rear house. He is 87 3/4, 39-year-old Sierra Leonean Dr. Kerifa Smart, educated at McGill

University, Harvard, and founder of Sierra Leone's People's Party, now in power.

Just now this brilliant African is head of the World Health Organization's Western African region.

I will bet anyone a small fortune, or the equivalent (such as a case of beer in Brazzaville), that our friend Kerifa is Prime Minister of Sierra Leone before we leave.

He took us out to dinner on our first night here, at an hotel which had refused us entry earlier because Erba is coloured. "No natives, mister," the French manager had said to us with the only English words he knew.

But that manager gave a very tasty chicken curry dinner to us two Africans and a European. And he got a complaint lodged against him through British Consul John Cotton.

The gracious doctoring emissary said I've a crocodile if he wants.

Number 2 IN JEANS

KERIFA lent us his beetle car to run around town. One errand was to beetle out to the airport at Maya Maya to fetch my rifle and pistol. The airport police were holding them.

Shining back over the long fast straight between the dark-leaved mango trees at 65 miles an hour, we stopped to give a lift to a young African going in the same direction on Shanks's pony at approximately four miles an hour.

And thus AFRICAN No. 2 entered our lives. His business name, Albert, Arc, 19.

He was all logged up in a white and tapered jeans. He had been looking for a job at the airport. But alas, no job there for Albert. Brazzaville is an unemployment town, slump town, grandly planned skeleton town which two thou-

sand out of five thousand Europeans have fled in the last year. It was the old story of a small fry European trying to sell trinket sets to other small fry Europeans trying to do the same.

We decided that bonny Albert should act as our aide on our forthcoming expedition northwards. He knows the lingo (Kilengo) and speaks a mouthful or two of Africanised French—at which I am getting quite a dab.

We are thus happy to have relieved the unemployment situation in this town.

Number 3 SMILER

LIKE most African Brazzavillians, Albert comes from an up-country village. And his home lies on our route. So we shall be able to drop in on his tapoca-growing uncle and auntie, sis, and the kids. His parents are dead.

Now, Albert wished to pick up his work card, held by the American-backed Compagnie Minière d'Ogoué, richest mining firm around town. Here we met AFRICAN No. 3, easy-going Sembe with the bustling humour, Sembe the mechanic.

Sembe greeted us with a "hullo, sir!" and said he was from Northern Rhodesia. He had got stranded in Brazzaville with empty pockets, trying to reach that African Utopia, the near-dominionised Gold Coast.

... 4,000 miles, and every sore step far her from his wife and children.

Quite an adventure story, that. I would like to tell it to you sometime.

Sembe invited us back to his wattle and clay home to meet his friend and fellow householder. "Allaso Britishah, sir



Tom," said he to me of his friend. So off we went after work, three of us on his vermillion moped, to Poto-poto, Rue Kassais.

Number 4 LONG-LOST

AND there it was we found little long-nosed long-lost Max, schoolboy of my companion Erba, and the only other Muganda in 70,000 Brazzavillians. He is AFRICAN No. 4.

What is Max the Muganda doing 2,500 miles away from home? Why, he wanted his seven children to learn French here before he took the whole family on to that haven of hope, the Gold Coast. He has come on ahead, alone.

The journey took him three months, and there has been no work for Max since he arrived here eight months ago. With my white skin I have found him a job in booming Leopoldville, just across the two-mile-wide steaming, writhing Congo in Belgian territory.

Patronising, you may say. Yes, but it's better than Max cutting his shoes.

Learn from such tales as these, of the ferment of African ambition.

And now let us hurry along down to the Mangali quarter of Poto-poto. There is dancing there for these body-proud Africans. Let us sway the warm night away to the pulse of drums and thrumming of guitars.

THE MAN I KNEW

SEFTON DELMER TELLS THE STORY OF DR JOHN, THE MAN OF A THOUSAND SECRETS

WITHOUT any doubt the taxi which took Dr Otto John into East Berlin carried with it

to the Soviet espionage authorities their biggest prize of the cold war.

For Dr Otto John was not only the chief of the West German counter-espionage services, with access to all the secrets of the Western Allies in the North German and West German sector.

He had just returned from the U.S., where he discussed with the authorities secret information gained from American and other Allied sources.

Nevertheless, I find it hard to accept the suggestion contained in the first official German news reports that Dr John has deserted the Western cause and has gone over to the Soviet zone of his own free will.

For I have known him for 10 years. I have seen him constantly since he went to Britain as a refugee in August 1944.

He flew in then from Madrid to carry on from Britain the fight against Hitler in which he, his brother and his other fellow conspirators were defeated.

I know that Otto John's abhorrence of the Soviet system was even stronger than his abhorrence of Hitlerism and German militarism.

More important, I know that on several occasions he rejected Soviet overtures inviting him to cross into the Soviet zone and join them.

The latest of these came when I was visiting Germany last March. He told me about it himself.

The invitation was brought to John by Baron Wolfgang von und zu Puttitz, a former German diplomat and former German spy, who is today a self-confessed Soviet agent.

I have known Puttitz too. And I also met Puttitz last

March. Puttitz boasted to me then that he was probably the unwitting decoy who had caused British diplomat Burgess to go over to the Russians and take Maclean with him.

When John and I met Puttitz—my interview was separate from John's—in March, he was ostensibly on a visit to his mother. But Puttitz called on John in Cologne.

He informed John, so John told me, that he would be made extremely welcome and comfortable on the Soviet side of the frontier should he agree to cross it.

He did his best to persuade John that Soviet Germany was the true democratic and anti-militarist Germany which both he, Puttitz, and John had been working for when they supported the British and the Americans during the war.

John said he laughed at Puttitz and his overtures. He reported Puttitz's presence in West Germany to the British security authorities. But nothing was done about it. Puttitz was allowed to return to Berlin and cross into the Soviet zone.

Inside Western Germany itself, Otto John was up against enemies as powerful as the Russian Secret Service—perhaps even more powerful.

And he knew it. He made no secret of his antagonism to the forces which are putting the Nazis and militarists back into key jobs of the German administration.

The fact that John was appointed to head the new West German counter-espionage service after 12 other German candidates for the job had been ruled out by the Occupation Powers did not make John any more popular with these people.

John's new service had been penetrated, with the connivance of the secret German forces at work today, by agents of the new unofficial Gestapo.

And it has been an open secret for some time that the Nazis in the administration have been out to get John, discredit him, and throw him out.

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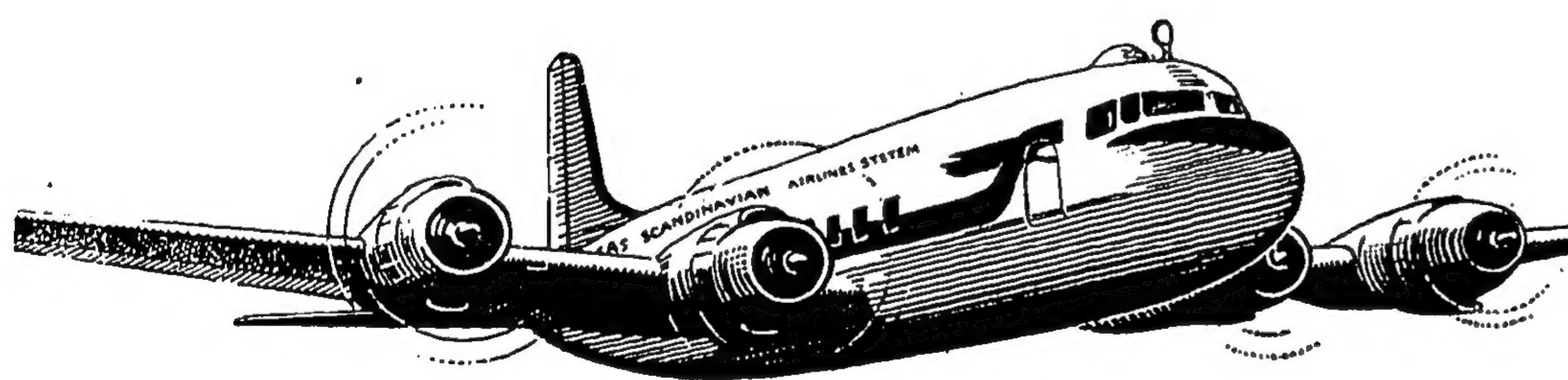
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ONE COMEDIAN IN THE FAMILY IS QUITE ENOUGH,

says George Robey's son

As he sits in his high-backed chair at Bow Street, with the Royal coat of arms on the wall above him, Edward George Haydon Robey occasionally whips off his reading glasses for a better view of the witness-box three yards away.

It is then you get the benefit of his eyebrows. The Robeyesque arch is undeniably there.

E. G. H. Robey, new Metropolitan magistrate, is clearly the son of Sir George Robey, comedian.

But whereas the father's eyebrows used to set the hails in a happy roar, those of the son strike instant awe into the offender's heart. You would not call his glance stern, exactly. It is shrewdly analytical, rather. His eye, ordinarily mild, riddles humbugging defendants, reducing them to "ammer" and shuffle. Fountain-pen in hand, he notes the evidence with neat speed and when he has a question to put or an observation to make does so in a soothing, conversational tone, as if justice were an amiable family party.

Two Smiles

He has two smiles. One is of the understanding, almost compassionate sort. He used this the other day when letting off a white-haired ex-Navy man with a long hospital record and a dying wife, who had been hawking postcards in Piccadilly without licence. The other smile is faintly ironical, the smile of a man who has long been amused at

human antics and follies—his own included, perhaps. Like the eyebrows, this smile, which sets the mouth humorously askew, is inherited. I have seen it in photographs taken of the elder Robey at fifteen.

Although his filial affection is unquestioned, I don't suppose Edward Robey will be pleased at my making a point of this. While climbing the ladder as senior legal assistant to the Director of Public Prosecutions (salary: £1,000 to £1,320) during the 'thirties, he was once heard to complain, "I am never allowed to forget I am the son of my father."

Smokescreen

When interviewers ask him whether he ever thought of following in father's footsteps, Robey so far forgets himself as to become sententious, a rare thing for him. He replies: "One comedian in the family is enough. There is more humour in the courts, as well as more drama, than you get in any theatre."

That, of course, is more smokescreen. Behind the screen, a little wistfully, lurks the second comedian of the Robey family. It has long been known to a small and gleeful circle of friends that he is a demonstrably clever mimic.

His present repertory includes a learned Recorder and the late Mr Justice Swift, deft caricatures both. He has been known to impersonate his father, too, singing I Stopped, and I Looked, and I Listened, the innuendo-number from The Bing Boys, with pained ex-

So instead of being on the stage Mr Edward Robey sits on the bench as a Metropolitan magistrate. But the Robey eyebrows are there. And also in private—the Robey comic touch

By FRANCIS MARTIN

brows which are George Robey in his heyday to the life.

While reading law at Cambridge, he did so well as Bunthorne and the Lord High Executioner in undergraduate productions of Patience and Mikado that talent scouts were sent up by impresario D'Oyly Carte, holder of the Gilbert and Sullivan copyrights. Robey turned down their offer and stuck to the law.

And a very good choice it was. His comic talent is to be classed with his hunt for first editions of Edgar

Wallace, H. G. Wells and Rider Haggard, or his passion for gramophone records of Romantic-school music. In other words, it is nothing more than the fringe of a sober, black-coated, striped-trousered life.

The first editions and records are among the amenities of the Robeys' riverside flat at Chelsea. Robey's musical tastes are shared by his wife, formerly Denise Williams, whom he married in 1942, when a corporal in the Home Guard. Jointly with her sister, Mrs Robey inherited £107,773 five years

ago after the death of their parents.

The 18 years (1932-1950) he spent with the Director of Public Prosecutions cut him off from any hope of the plummy fortunes which brilliance earns in private practice but brought him distinction in other ways. By the end of the war his forensic quality was so well proven that Hartley Shawcross picked him as a member of the British legal "eleven" which prosecuted at the Nuremberg war

got the lights and lenses in the courtroom, presenting cases, examining, cross-examining.

I doubt whether Robey relished this unequal apportioning of glory. At any rate, he withdrew from Nuremberg rather sooner than some had expected, and was obviously happier when back in the home courts, handling a crop of post-war causes celebres. In 1949 he conducted the Haigh murder prosecution on police court level. This brought solid fame. After the Haigh case, Edward Robey's name rode clear and high, no longer eclipsed by that of his father.

On The Spot

Robey was on the spot months before the trials opened, working like a beaver. He collated facts, built up damning briefs. While he devilled away as a backroom boy, the upper crust of the British team

Now that he is on the Metropolitan Bench, it looks as if the dilemma of the 'thirties is going to be reversed. Comedian Robey will never be allowed to forget that he is the father of his son.

GET OUT OF THAT ARMCHAIR—AND GET YOUNG

By Chapman Pincher

WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES OF LIVING TO BE A HUNDRED? THE YEAR'S MOST-DISCUSSED NEWS FEATURE GIVES A HEALTHY ANSWER FROM A LONDON GATHERING OF EXPERTS

muscles to weaken—and muscles make up half the human body.

At the age of 40, muscles—especially those of the arms—begin to lose their "tone," and this aging continues rapidly if they are insufficiently exercised.

Manual work, golf, brisk walking, gardening and any regular physical activity can stave off the aging of muscle, according to Professor E. Balazs, of Budapest, who has measured the muscle strength of 102 men aged 60 to 65.

He found that in people who had abstained from regular physical effort for several years muscle strength had fallen by up to 32 per cent. In those who had kept up their exercise the fall was only 16 per cent.

SECOND WIND

The professor is convinced that keeping the muscles active after 40 gives them a "second wind" and is a practical way of delaying old age, for good general health goes with well-toned muscles.

His advice was strongly supported by Dr Flanders Dunbar, a leading New York psychologist, who has interviewed scores of U.S. centenarians.

She found that almost all the people who had reached 100 had managed to avoid "dangerous retirement," and had kept them-

selves occupied mentally and physically.

One 105-year-old woman was putting her grandchildren through college by running a gift shop.

When another old woman was asked how many days of her life she had spent in bed, she wrote: "Exactly 45—reason, nine children."

Dr Dunbar was surprised to find that the chance of living to 100 seems to be bigger in the cities where stress and strain are supposed to be greatest. The proportion is much smaller in the "Meccas" for the aging such as California and Florida.

Some centenarians credited their longevity to refraining from tobacco and liquor, just as many attributed it to drinking Scotch and smoking big, black cigars.

The number of old people who remain as active as they were in middle age is surprisingly high. Dr John Pemberton found after a survey in Sheffield.

Dr Pemberton rated six out of every 10 people aged 67 or more, whom he examined, as having "unlimited outdoor mobility."

The number of really fit old people is so high that many businesses are depriving themselves of first-rate employees by having fixed retiring ages of 60 or 65.

This warning was given by Professor R. L. Peterson, of

Illinois University, who has studied more than 3,000 people aged 60 or more in 81 U.S. businesses.

He found that supervisors rated the older workers as more dependable than the younger and less likely to be absent. They did as much work, and it was of better average quality.

"I believe that 70 would be a much more realistic age for compulsory retirement," the professor said. "More than two-thirds of the older workers were rated by their supervisors as having no perceptible weakness which could be attributed to age."

NO DECLINE

Tests by other doctors have shown that when work is not excessive, the mechanical efficiency of the aged human body—judged as a machine—is as high as that of the young body.

In most people there is some falling off of mental power with age, as judged by intelligence tests. But these tests do not take into account important assets like experience, judgment, and the fact that old people prefer to sacrifice speed for accuracy. Dr H. E. Jones, of California pointed out.

Even in intelligence tests about 10 men in every 100 show little or no decline of their powers.

These are usually the men who keep themselves mentally alert by effort and determination.

In short, the firmest advice for those who wish to reach 100 which has yet emerged from this conference is STAY OUT OF THAT ARMCHAIR.

TROUBLE IN THE GLEN

SHED A TEAR for the whisky distillers.

Now, it seems, they have more good Scotch on their hands than they know what to do with. Since 1949, exports have climbed from eight to 12 million gallons a year. But home consumption—even now that quotas have gone—is standing still at four million.

And production is running at between 27 and 30 million gallons a year.

With 147 million gallons now in stock, the situation looks as though it may get sticky.

The reason is simple enough—Scotch in Britain costs 35 shillings a bottle (and, at that price, it's very ordinary Scotch indeed.)

In 50 years, the tax has risen from 11 shillings to 21 shillings a gallon. Out of the 35 shillings, the distiller gets a mere 10s.6d to cover manufacturing, storage, transportation, and marketing.

Even if he made a heroic effort and cut a shilling or so off his price, the difference in sales would probably be negligible.

Yet the Chancellor of the Exchequer turns a stony ear on pleas for a cut in the tax—despite the fact that it must have reached the point where a sizable reduction would probably increase the government's total revenue.

John McKenna

JOHNNY HAZARD



NATURE'S POISON PUNCHES

THE STABBERS

By IVAN T. SANDERSON

Explorer, Naturalist, Author

IN West Africa there are extremely odd travelling performers who wander about the country clothed in, or, rather, festooned in rags, under which they keep, usually next to their skin, what are undoubtedly the world's most extraordinary pets. The animals never leave the man, even when they sleep out in the open. The pets are huge scorpions.

I have witnessed performances put on by several of these strange showmen, and I have yet to encounter anything quite as extraordinary. Not only do the men, clad in the venomous creatures all about their bodies under their clothes, but they handle them very roughly and without any regard to the deadly stings at the end of their tails.

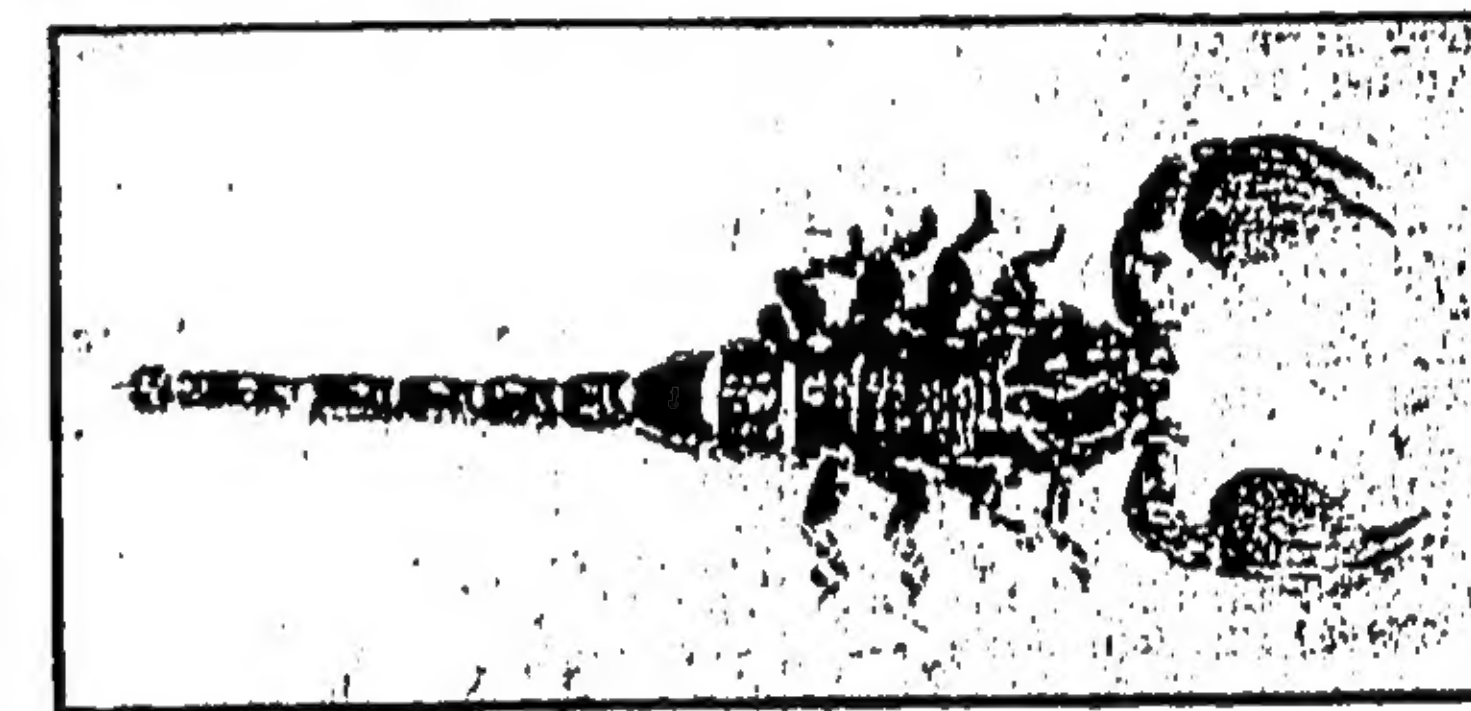
They hold them in their mouths and allow themselves to be "stung" on the lips. They put two big males on their bare forearms and coax them to fight. What is more, they seem to be able to call the animals from their hiding places among their ragged clothes by making little buzzing noises with their lips.

Naturally, my first reaction to these performances was to assume that these particular scorpions were not poisonous,

and many deaths result from chance strikes every year in areas where it is found. Scorpion stings, however, probably account for far fewer human deaths than those of spiders.

All spiders are poisonous. They have a pair of recurved, piercing daggers under their heads that are perforated like hypodermics and through which poison is squeezed into the wounds inflicted on their live food and enemies. Most are harmless to man because of the small size of their daggers compared to the thickness of our skin, and also the fact that we don't normally handle spiders. However, all spider poison can cause irritation. If injected under your skin in sufficient quantity.

The true tarantulas are small reddish spiders found in Southern Europe, which have relatives in many other parts of the world. They are otherwise known as lycosids, and several of them appear to be very dangerous to man. Another group includes our deadly Black Widow and its relatives which are found all over the world. And wherever they are found they appear to have an evil reputation. There have been several deaths from Black Widows in America every year since earliest colonial days.



The scorpion delivers its poison punch from its tail sting.

but experiments carried out by the government medical officer immediately proved this to be very wrong. The same scorpions that stung the men killed large monkeys in a time so short it was almost unbelievable.

Yet the men were quite immune, and they told us they were so because they ate the stings of the same kind of scorpions. Further, there are cases on record where these men have cured stings in others by making them eat the tails of scorpions.

Everybody knows that scorpions are poisonous, but there are many exaggerated ideas about them. Not all are deadly to man, and even the stings of the largest, when well and truly jabbed into a human blood vessel, may not necessarily prove fatal. As with almost all forms of animal poisons, much depends upon the condition of both the stinger and the stung.

If the scorpion is in bad health, or has very recently used up its poison stinging something else, and you are in good health and are only scratched by the animal's sting, very little but local pain may occur. If, on the other hand, the scorpion is in good fettle, has not stung anything else recently, and you are just recovering from a bout of sickness, you may be stung dead in an hour.

Then again, the largest scorpions are often not the most deadly, though there is a blue-black species found in Sumatra, the size of a small chicken lobster, which is almost invariably fatal to men. One of the worst is a small, pale, greyish-yellow species with a very long, thin "tail" that is found in the driest parts of northern Mexico—it is often misleadingly called the durango, which is really the name of quite another animal to be mentioned later. This is a bold animal and will wander into beds and sleeping bags for warmth at night, and will lash out at anything with its tail sting. Its poison is particularly virulent,

These spiders are found in every state of the union and even on wasteland in the greatest cities. Recently there has grown up a strange belief that the great hairy spiders—often mistakenly called tarantulas—are quite harmless. Several naturalists have made a practice of demonstrating them running about their bare hands, on television and even in education films. This is a dangerous practice, for these great spiders, some of which can jump several feet and so catch and kill birds, can, if they so desire, sink their fangs up to almost half an inch into your flesh and, if they strike a blood vessel, they can inject enough poison to kill you.

At the least, their bites may cause great pain, much local swelling, palpitations and distress, while secondary infections may be introduced, resulting in gangrene. I once saw a native of Haiti well and truly bitten or "stung" by one of these great spiders, and he died in convulsive agony three hours later. It is extremely stupid to play with these creatures.

However, the most deadly spiders are undoubtedly those of the Black Widow group, and two of the worst are found in New Zealand and in the United States. Again, the effects of their bites vary greatly due to the condition of both the spider and the person bitten. I was "stung" on the little finger by a Black Widow in Connecticut, but it was late in the year and the animal was sluggish. All that happened was that my finger went numb, white, and numb for a few hours.

On the other hand, there are numerous cases reported where the person bitten died within a few hours or, even worse, within a few days. During the intermediate time they suffered the most excruciating agony, beginning with spasmodic local pains which spread to the torso. Usually these creep slowly to the chest region, while the stomach becomes rigid and the limbs numb and paralysed.

By Frank Robbins

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EARLY this week, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr R. B. Black, paid a visit to the Department of the Registrar General, Supreme Court, and studied the work of the many sections. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hon. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and Mrs Todd examine a modern sprayer in the laundry section of the Po Leung Kuk's new domestic science building, which Mrs Todd opened on Tuesday. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hon. Sir Man-kam and Lady Lo greeting their son, Tak-shing, at Kai Tak Airport on Monday. A student at King's College, Taunton, Somerset, Tak-shing returned by air to spend the summer holiday with his family. (Staff Photographer)



AT the cocktail party given to celebrate Mr Victor Lam's admission as a solicitor last Saturday. From left: Mr Lam, Mr R. W. S. Winter, Mr G. Lee and Mr O. V. Cheung. (Mainland)



HIS Excellency the Governor of Macao, Rear Admiral Joaquim Marques Esparteiro, Senhora Esparteiro and their daughter, Maria Helena, at the party given in their honour by Mr and Mrs A. V. Alvares. The Governor and his family are spending a short holiday in Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)



MRS L. G. Morgan, wife of the Acting Director of Education, presenting certificates to graduate teachers at the Northcote Training College graduation exercises on Monday. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Group picture taken at St John's Cathedral after the christening of Alan John, son of Mr and Mrs John Pottigraw. (C. K. Pang)



RIGHT: Miss Margo Blankinsop cutting a cake at a party given for her by her friends before her departure for England. (Willie's)



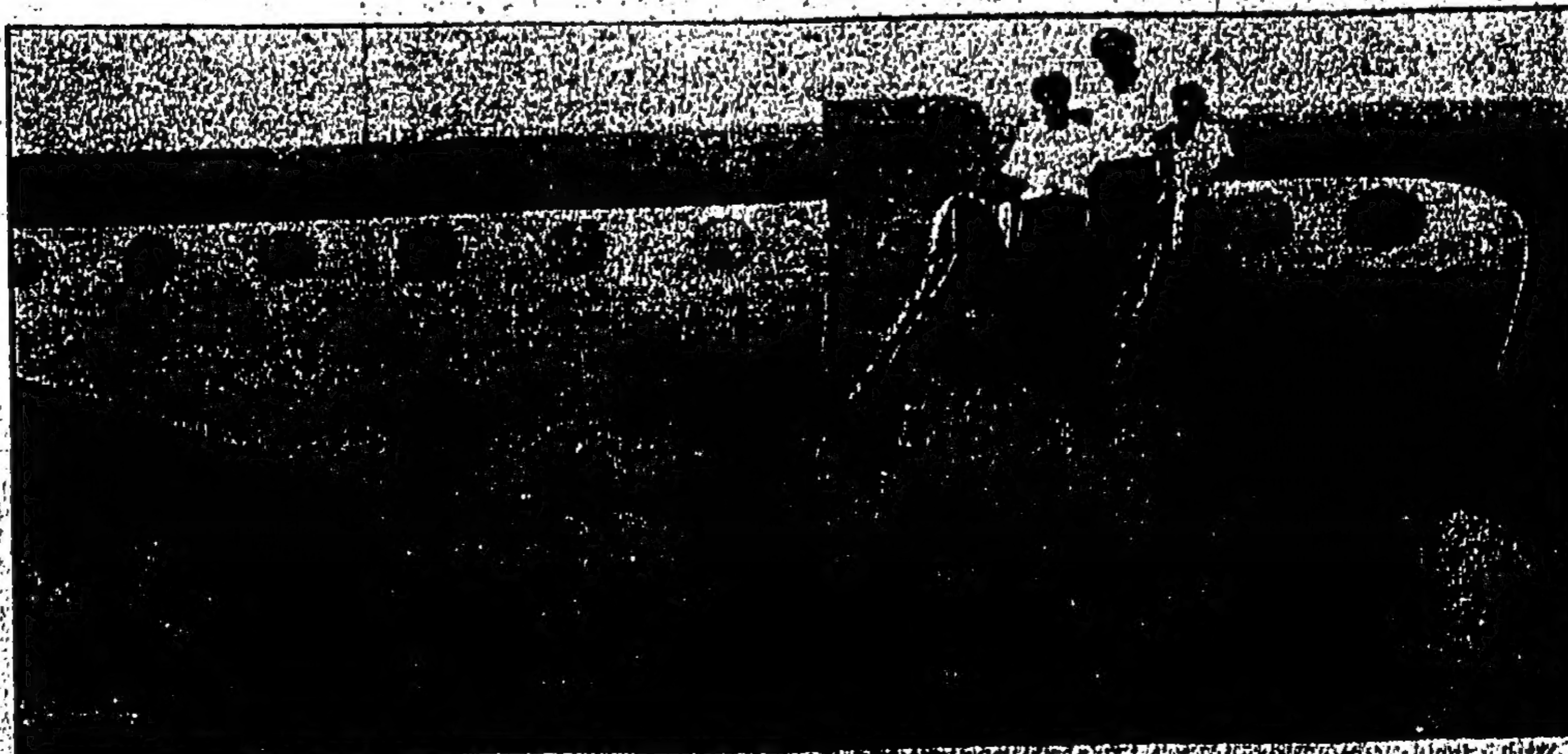
BIRTHDAY party of Mario E. Guillen, Jr., and Jose Manuel Guillen, sons of Mr and Mrs Mario E. Guillen, Panamanian Consul-General. Mario is four, and Jose one year old. (Willie's)

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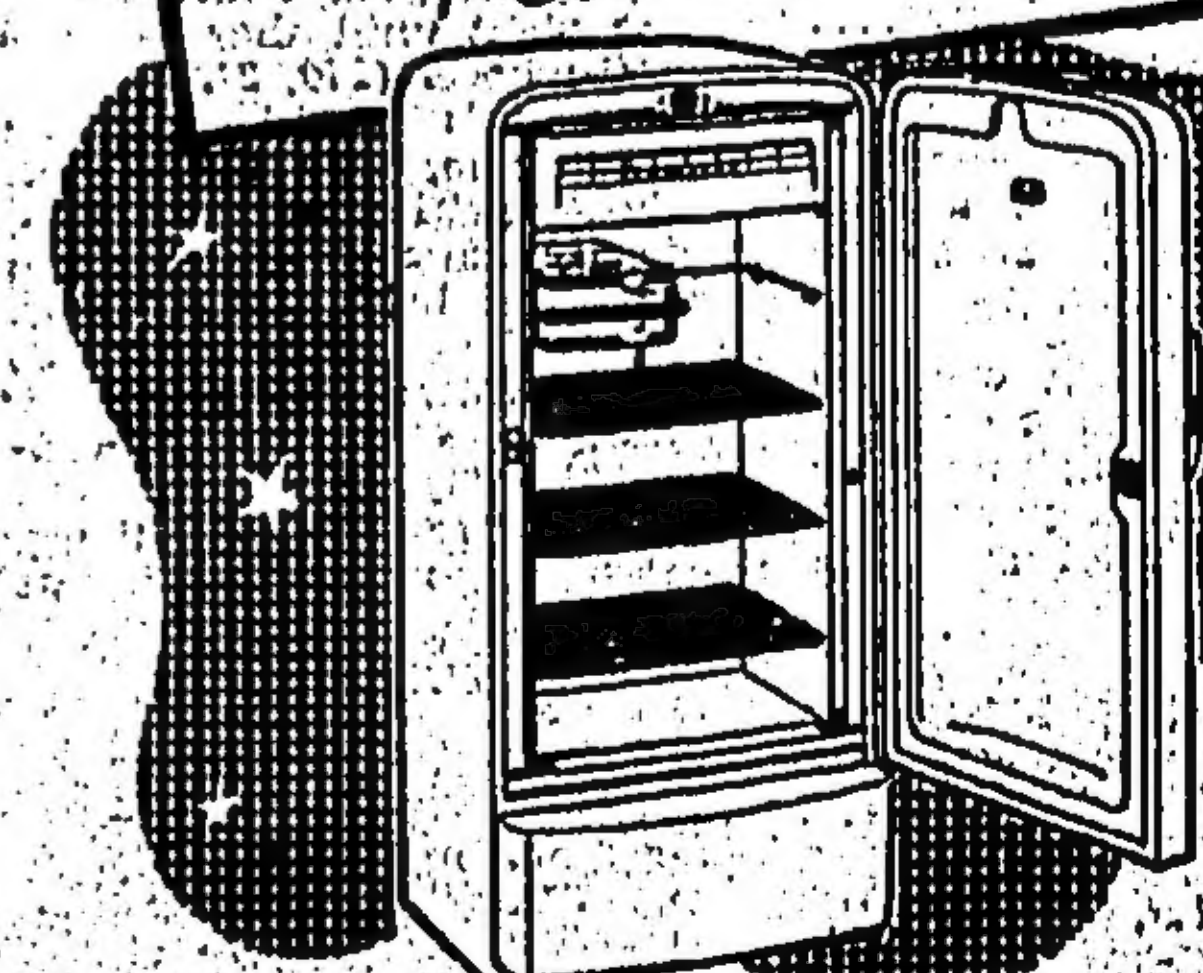
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GROUP of friends of Mr Dave Levin, manager of Northcote Training College, who came to the college to see the new building. (Staff Photographer)

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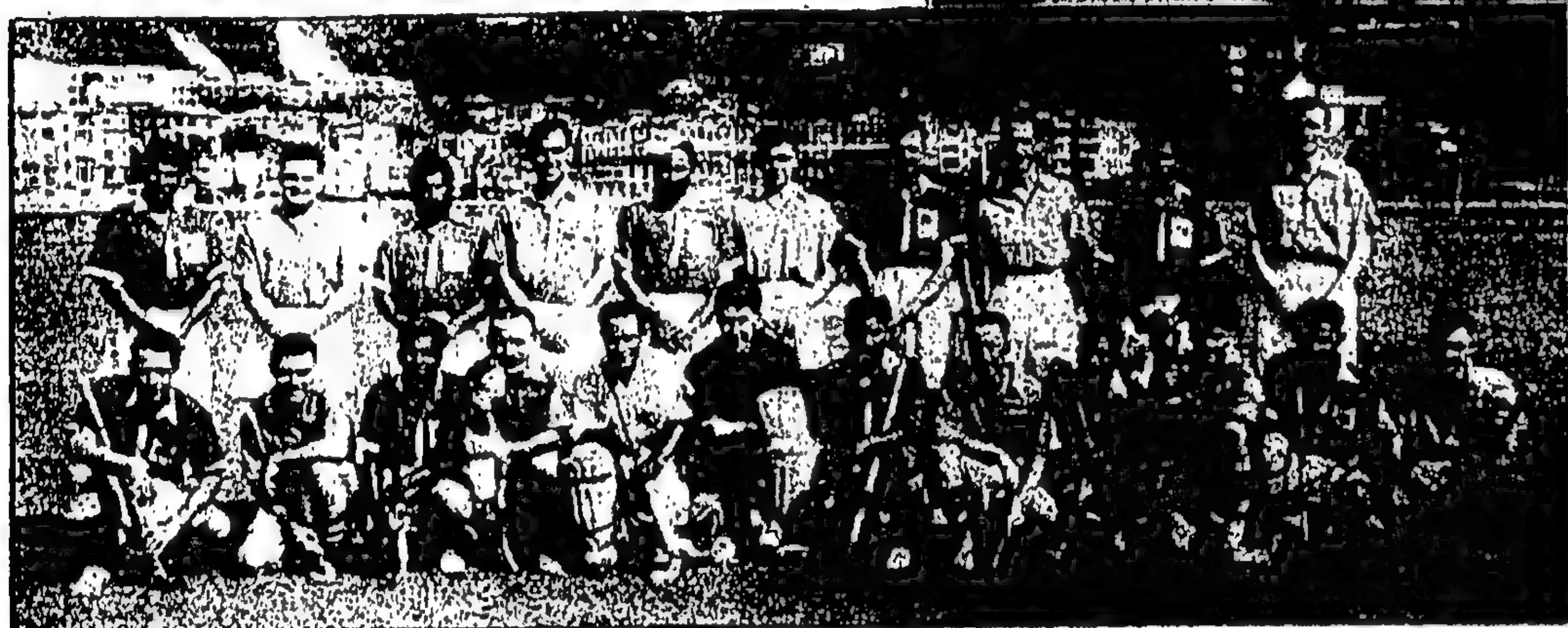
AT the cocktail party given aboard INS Delhi during the goodwill visit of the Indian Naval Flotilla to Hongkong. Rear Admiral F. A. Ballanco, Flotilla Commander (second from left), and Captain A. K. Chatterjee, of INS Delhi, seen with guests. Right: The Band of the cruiser Delhi performing in the Botanical Gardens. Below: Players who took part in the friendly hockey match between the Indian Flotilla and the Army in Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP photo taken at the farewell party given by former students in honour of Sister Mary de Ricci, Headmistress of Maryknoll Convent School, on her retirement last Saturday. Sister Ricci is seated sixth from left in second row. (Ming Yuen)



RIGHT: Christening at the Union Church last Sunday of Angus Rodger, baby son of Mr and Mrs T. R. MacLean. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Members of the Hongkong Underwater Club getting ready to invade the depths off Salkung last Sunday. (Mrs R. V. Tsigg)



FRIENDS of Miss Marie-Cecile Basto, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. P. Basto, gathered at her home last Saturday for her birthday party. (Willie's)



THE Misses, Marlene French (left) and Bernadette Kong, bridesmaids aboard the Air India International Constellation which arrived here on Tuesday on a flying visit. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Mr. Terence Eric Forby and his bride, Bernadette Kong, at their wedding ceremony. (C. C. Lee)

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Cure for nail chewing requires

A PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

QUESTION: I would like any kind of suggestion on the cure of nail chewing. My son is now 13 and has chewed his nails since early childhood and is getting worse. Have tried many remedies but all were useless.

ANSWER: Nail chewing is a psychological problem. Direct approaches to the habit such as scolding, shaming, persuading, etc., are useless because they merely emphasize what you want the child to forget.

A child who chews his nails has problems which he can neither overcome nor endure. It is quite possible that professional help may be necessary. This should begin by consulting the family doctor who may advise seeing a psychiatrist.

Many Causes

The factors which often cause nail biting in children include the following:

1. Difficulties in school which may mean trouble with lessons or bullying by larger and older children, or failure to be accepted by his school companions,

or conflict between teacher and child.

2. Feeling of inadequacy in relation to other members of the family including parents who expect too much of a child or who try to force him into studies or accomplishments such as music, dancing, etc., in which he is not interested. Children of highly successful parents often feel that they can never measure up to the accomplishments of their parents.

3. If there are other children and there is any real or imagined favoritism among them, the one who feels himself discriminated against may resort to nail chewing.

4. At 13, boys begin to realize the approach of manhood and they have problems with certain manifestations of sexual maturity which may trouble them and give them guilt feelings if they do not understand them. Complexions, pubic hair, etc., may have a similar effect. At this age, boys are frequently despised by girls of the same age who have matured more rapidly and prefer boys somewhat older.

5. At 13, a boy may have worries about what he is going to be when he grows up and whether he will be able to make

a living and to establish a family.

6. If parents are over-critical of the awkwardness, moodiness and indecision of a boy in his early teens, they may, without realizing it, create the impression that they do not love him and this may give him serious concern.

Winning Confidence

This proper approach to the problem is to talk with the boy — not making a formal occasion of it because this will probably cause him to "close up." The school should be visited and teachers, supervisors, the principal and the public health nurse or school physician consulted, but not in the presence of the boy. The boy's playmates and pals, of both sexes, should be encouraged to visit in the home and the relationships carefully but inconspicuously observed.

A health examination by the family doctor will give opportunity for him to talk with the boy. The doctor should be warned previously about the boy's problems and parents should not accompany him to the office of the physician. Physical education instructors and athletic coaches, Boy Scout or other youth leaders may be helpful. So may clergymen.

Trying to crash through this boy's reserve will simply make matters worse. His confidence must be won by evidence of trust, affection and pride in his accomplishments. The things he does well must be emphasized and praised while his failures must be corrected gently and unobtrusively.

MAKING HOME FRAGRANT

IT'S wise to "summerise" the house, keeping the interior as cool, as comfortable and as pleasant as possible by day and night. Away with the extras, the bric-a-brac, the dust-catchers, however pretty! This not only makes for cooler rooms but it makes for less work, too.

Have a house that is clean and that smells clean. Air every room every day. Air mattresses, blankets and clothes. Have everything as clean and odour-free as possible.

SHOW SUBTLETY

Add fragrance to a clean smell for cool comfort; not heavy fragrance, but light, flowery odours. Pine or lavender-scented disinfectants in kitchen and bathroom make for pleasant, healthful surroundings. Spraying a pleasant scent through the house takes almost no time and gives great pleasure and comfort when it's hot. Floral fragrances are delicious in the summer, but the menfolk vote for pine as first favourite.

Aromatics must be subtly used, must have a surprise character and should not completely pervade the house.

To select a chair or sofa and find the delicate odour of

lavender or rose there, is a delight as is opening a bureau drawer and receiving a whiff of something light and delicious. And to slide in between clean sheets subtly reminiscent of a field of lavender, clover or verbena is a treat.

Lavender sachets, pine and balsam-filled pillows, pomander balls, potpourri-filled containers, floral colognes sprayed over light bulbs—all these do a wonderful work.

GOOD FOR MORALE

Investigate the wonderful lacquer scents and use these on unpainted surfaces such as the interior of bureau drawers, under closet shelves, on hangers, under chair seats. Lacquer scents made by a pioneer person, come in such delightful odours as white lilac, carnation, rose and gardenia. The same house specialises in scented flannel drawer pads, too.

How about making sachet pads to fit dressing-table drawers, closet shelves, hat boxes and clothes hangers? Go in for fragrance outdoors, too. It's a knowing gardener who plants fragrant shrubs and vines near windows that will be open during spring and summer. Lilac, roses and honeysuckle bestow their fragrance generously. Carry the perfume indoors by augmenting it through the house with synthetic or natural fragrance. Any and all of these are grand for the morale, too, when working around the house on a warm day.

—Eleanor Ross

Symptoms Of Disease Revealed By Hands

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE simple handshake between doctor and patient may at times be the key to the diagnosis of the patient's illness. The hand can give a clue to many serious diseases.

A person with a flabby, cold, wet hand may be suffering from a severe type of nervousness. A shaky hand may also be characteristic of this disorder, or it may be due to some type of thyroid disease. Fingers with severe twisted shape may also be a sign of nervousness, as are short and chewed fingernails.

The swelling cases of heart failure disease may be suggested by a puffing and aching of the fingers. These swellings are also suggested by a bluish coloration of the fingers.

and a shorter thumb than usual. The doctor can sometimes determine from the colour of a person's palms whether he is anemic. The palms are normally pink, but very in anemia they appear pale. At the same time, the skin over the palms grows waxy and white over the joints.

This skin disease across the palm is a good indicator of anemia, for when the normal red colour of the palms is lost, the amount of anemia is very great.

If a person is hypothyroid, or does not have enough thyroid hormones secreted, the hands are usually large, broad, and appear coarse and swollen. The fingers are relatively short, but the palm is somewhat spade-like. Discoloration or redness of the palms is sometimes a sign of

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How To Improve Your Painting Skill

ACCORDING to a recent survey, five of the major problems faced by the amateur painter are uneven colour or gloss streaking, change of colour, poor masking of the surface being painted and slow drying.

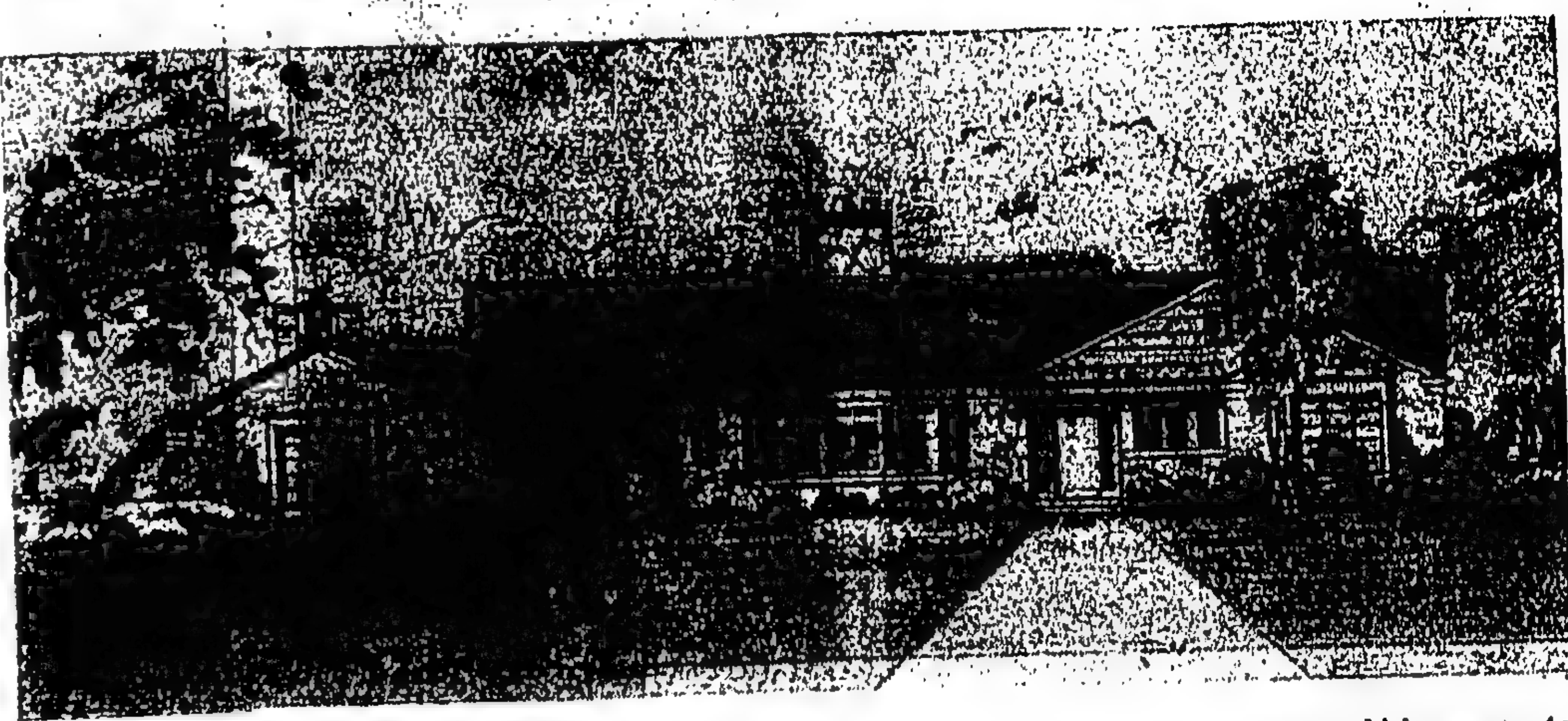
Experts say that these faults can be avoided by mixing the paints properly before the job is started. It is the uneven distribution of the pigment and thinner, caused by poor mixing, that results in those streaks and colour variations. When properly stirred, the more liquid part of the paint will dry glossy. Too much liquid will increase the drying time and reduce the effectiveness of the paint's "hiding" or masking power.

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A House That Has Everything



THIS HOUSE appears larger than it is. The trick is achieved with the left wing, which seems to be a room because of its front window. Actually, it's a garage, accessible from a driveway at the side of the house. Construction is fieldstone and wood siding.

By Joan O'Sullivan

SOME homes seemingly have everything. This is one of them. It's a spacious design, which calls for landscaped acreage as a background for its beauty. Inside, the home is planned to perfection.

The living-dining combination, a spacious area, is flooded with light from a rear wall of windows, which provides a delightful view of the garden.

For Summer Barbecues

At the dining end of the room, a doorway leads to an informal outdoor terrace. Placed in back of the garage, the terrace doesn't take up needless garden space. A fireplace grill makes it the perfect place for summer barbecues.

The living-dining area is certainly set for summer, but it's wonderful in winter, too, with a huge fireplace providing a warm note of welcome for winter guests.

The kitchen is more than a kitchen. It's also a breakfast nook and laundry. There's a built-in snack bar in the nook which is almost all windows, plus plenty of counter and cabinet space in the kitchen work area.

From the laundry, a side exit leads to the attached garage. This is just one of the convenient features of the plan. Should the man of the house be busy at the garage workbench, he doesn't have to tramp around to the front of the house to get inside.

Activities Room

An activities room is another delightful addition to the plan. It looks out on the front grounds, and makes a charming gathering place. There's a fireplace here, too, but it's economically planned, since it backs the living room fireplace.

A separate nook, accessible from the activities room, holds heating radiators. Sleeping quarters are set to one side of the house for full privacy. Each of the three bedrooms is well lighted and has double closets. The corner rear bedroom opens on the yard.

Near the sleeping area, a large bath features two linen closets, while a third bath is located just outside the main hall.

Household hints

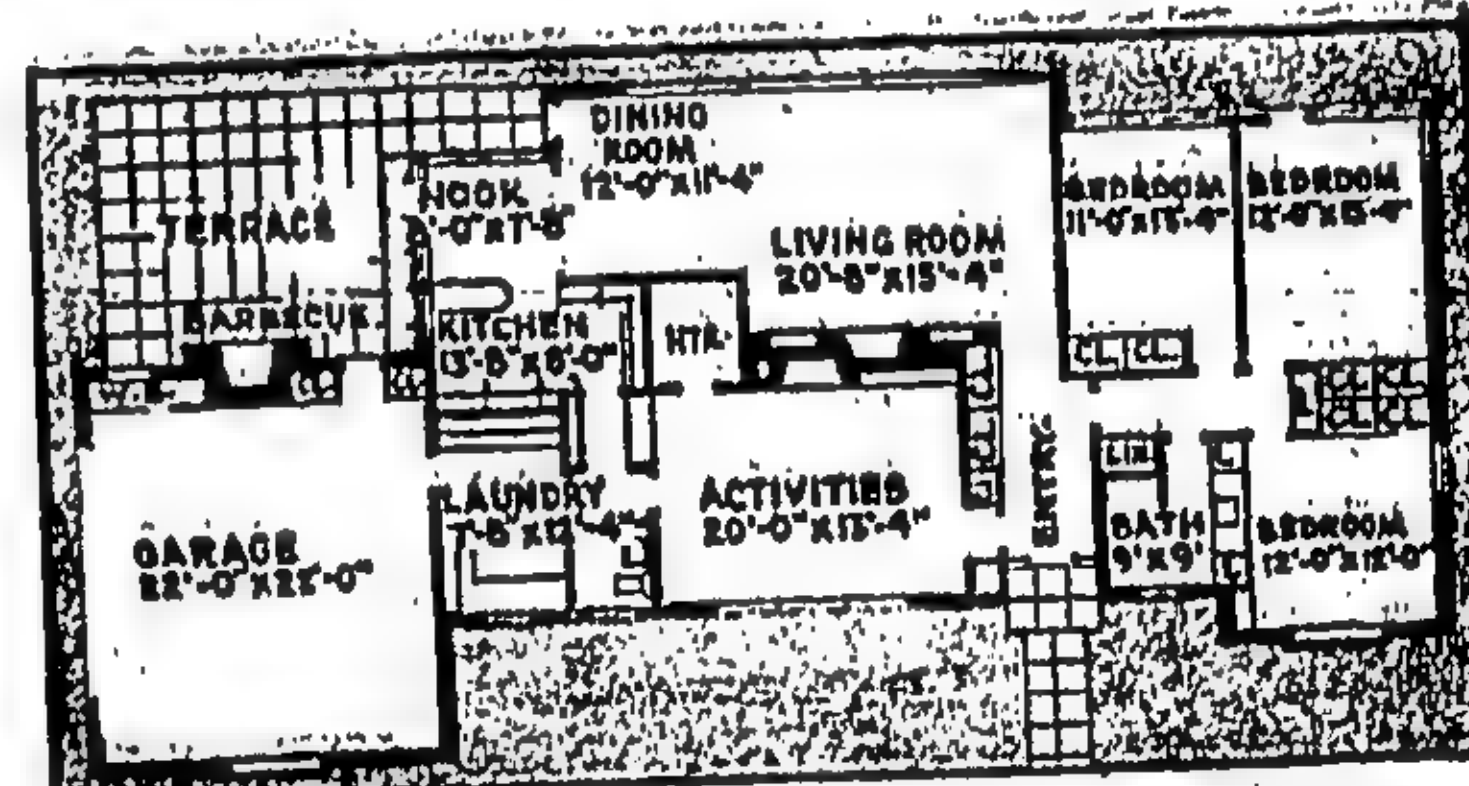


PLANNED TO PERFECTION, today's home has everything, including an activity room which features a fireplace. The latter is designed with economy in mind. It backs the living room fireplace wall.

Designed in the same manner as the home—even to a front window—the garage gives the house a longer line. This and the bedroom wing are slightly projected to provide balance for the design.

Closets are plentiful in this home, but that's obvious from the moment you enter the front door. In addition to the usual guest closet, there are two all-purpose closets just inside the entry hall.

The plan comprises 27,507 cubic feet.



THREE BEDROOMS, all well lighted and with double closets, are at one side of the house. The back bedroom opens on the yard.

QUICK-TO-COOK MEATS NEEDN'T BE EXPENSIVE

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

WHEN the ladies ask questions at our personal appearances, I said to them, "Someone is always sure to ask what meats, other than the expensive steaks and chops, will make quick dinners."

"Now, if the lady does not have to economise, these high-priced meats are okay to serve."

Don't Eat Up Profits

But if she is a housewife with a family, and a job, as I am, it is not the case that her family is short of money. It is certainly very foolish to carry on two jobs and then to carry on the house by buying expensive meats, cuts of meat, and so on, when she can make quick dinners.

Household hints

mean such as round or flank steak, for quick cooking; bake shoulders, lamb and pork chops in tasty ways; use all-purpose, quick-cooking chicken and prepare enough for stew meals at a time; and learn new ways to use choicest meats.

Cover and simmer 25 min. or until the vegetables are tender.

Meanwhile, prepare dumplings dough, shaping the dumplings with a very small cutter.

To complete the stew, put a 1-in. layer of the meat and vegetables in a casserole. Layer with 1/8 of the tiny dumplings. Add several inches more stew; put on a second layer of dumplings; spoon over the remaining dumplings. Bake 30 min. uncovered in a hot oven, 425° F.

Double-Quick Dinner
Grapefruit Sections
Baked Layer, Dumpling Stew
Tomato-Cucumber Salad
Rhubarb-Strawberry Tart
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk
Fresh-baked Biscuits
Dessert: Fruit and Biscuits
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By Francis Martin

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STARTING YOUNG It's no wonder if Frenchmen aren't much worried when they see pink elephants.

According to Mme. Simone Sevin, who reported to the Academy of Medicine, chronic alcoholism and even delirium tremens are fairly common among French children, some of them as young as 18 months.

SNAKE BITE A 20-year-old Mexican youth's food-poor diet led to a deadly snake bite.

Crescencio Garcia had a rattlesnake bite him on the hand and took it with him on his rounds of his bars. Whenever a snake bit him, he would offer him a drink, he threatened to turn it loose.

One night the jar dropped. The snake escaped and bit a customer.

Now Garcia may have to pay the hard way. The man died and Garcia has been charged with murder.

VERDICT ON CRUELTY Is it a cruel to marry a man, or a woman, whose temperament is poles apart from yours?

A British Judge has decided it is.

Hearing the petitions of a husband and a wife who were suing one another for divorce and whose marriage had been so difficult that both became miserable and ill, Mr. Commissioner Bianco White awarded decrees to BOTH—holding that both had been victims of almost unavoidable cruelty.

YOUNG MEN IN LOVE "All," says the ancient maxim, "is fair in love and war."

In Sorlinia, they take it seriously.

Last week, for instance, three young men in Porto Torres, desperately in love with three of the 15 beautiful daughters of 65-year-old widow Angelina Bazzini, and then declared.

They waited until Angelina's 15 sons were out. Then they battered down the door and stormed in.

But the 16 women gave them such a drubbing that they were all taken to hospital.

Next day, some one tossed a hand-grenade against the front door. Police intervened and offered protection.

Angelina declined. She takes the maximum seriously, too.

JEALOUSY IN CYPRUS In Cyprus, they make allowances for jealous husbands, especially those who have just been jailed.

The wife was "at heart a conventional woman," who wanted "both an ordinary and reasonable life," and she had no interest in her husband's views.

So the judge ruled "in the interests of both parties and the community, this marriage should be dissolved."

But, under British law, the reason had to be cruelty.

THAT ADDED TOUCH Faded Fakir Burmah was mixed to break the world fasting record—81 days and 19 hours.

But he wasn't content just to stop eating. He beaked himself.

NOWHERE — FAST You can now take a place in the place hardly anyone has ever heard of—Ladakh, the tiny nation sandwiched between Chinese-occupied Tibet and Russian Sinkiang.

The Indian Government is running an airline route there up to now, only Indian Air Force planes have gone there—just to make sure that the Reds don't take over.

The civil airline is mostly a formality. In the land that's almost nowhere, there is hardly anything save a few memorials.

Mr. Churchill lifts the roofs of these stately homes

★ NEW BOOK ★

by George Malcolm Thomson

FIFTEEN FAMOUS ENGLISH HOMES. By Randolph S. Churchill, Verschoyle. 25s. 176 pages.

The stately homes of England. How beautiful they stand. Amidst their tall ancestral trees, O'er all the pleasant land.

STATELY as ever; beautiful sometimes; now with a shade less of arrogance in their good looks—and, probably, someone taking half a crown at the door as you go in.

They flourished on the glorious Revolution of 1688, survived the paths of race-courts and gambling hell; the Reform Bill stripped them of power. American marriages stayed off the evil day when wealth would follow power. Now with the end in sight, and the cloud of Death Duties brooding over the pleasant land, they are gathered one by one to the chilly bosom of the National Trust.

Randolph Churchill, readable, not too learned, excluded by

temperament from undue reverence and possessing an inherited taste for the riper fruits of rhetoric, approaches, in their final phase, these monuments in which a vanished golden age of amplitude, and a once-powerful estate are still alive for the visitor who brings imagination as well as money to the turnstile.

At Hatfield is the first pair of silk stockings to be brought into England for the legs of Queen Elizabeth I; at Chatsworth, the finest private library in the world (as Churchill thinks); at Petworth, Lord Leconfield's underground railway for bringing food from the kitchen in one other.

Monuments Of Pomp

Blenheim looks as if it were "built for an auctioneer who had been elected king of Poland" (Horace Walpole). Arundel Castle as if it were "built for an antiquary who had been appointed managing director of MCM" (Churchill).

These monuments of pomp, and sometimes of taste are so immense that their owners could get lost in them. "How do you get up into that gallery?" asked Lord Salisbury in Chatsworth of the eighth Duke of Devonshire (known as Harty-Tarty). "Well, —I'm damned if I know," came the reply.

Such houses were prizes won in the days when politics was a dangerous game, when a man staked his head when he went into public life, and the rule of the table was "winner take all." The winners took Blenheim, Chatsworth, Hatfield, etc.

fortune "I turned too soon" rang under the modest dwelling at Hatfield.

In a similar mood of detachment, the second Marquess of Salisbury, at a time when the family means were straitened, married the heiress to £12,000 a year.

Building and re-building, quarrelling with wives, architects, mistresses and neighbours; governing the country and winning the Derby, the Whig and Tory magnates who sheltered under these palatial roofs found time to form art collections, fabulous rather than fastidious. Petworth is famous for its Turner; Althorp has 30 portraits of Shortland bulls. Pictures are often ill-arranged; sometimes oddly described.

Chatsworth Idea

A guide at Chatsworth, who persisted in calling a painting of the Marriage at Cana "The Last Supper," overheard a visitor say: "It isn't my idea of The Last Supper." His rebuke was severe. "It's the Chatsworth idea of the Last Supper."

Last year, 200,000 members of the public paid to see the Chatsworth idea—which is also the Blenheim, Holkham, Wilton, Knowsley idea—of how in England noblemen should live.

Those who have not so far inspected one of these buildings, which are so much less than houses and so much less than homes, will, after reading Churchill, be more likely to make the pilgrimage in a suitable mood of instructed admiration and disrespect.

THIS 'QUALITY X'

By NANCY SPAIN

WHAT is courage? Bravery, says my pre-war dictionary, mere boldness. But the war changed all that. Now we know that courage depends so much on experience, endurance, and faith that we can hardly define it at all.

Particularly it depends upon faith, the "X" of human behaviour. We might even call this belief in God, if we had enough moral courage....

There are three books out this week on this heroic theme. First there is a novel, **THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY**, by

Ernest Gann (Hodder and Stoughton, 12s. 6d.), a wildly exciting book that concerns a plane-load of "ordinary" American men and women, flying from Honolulu to San Francisco. We experience with them all their reactions to fear.

There is a young first pilot called Sullivan, who has never been tested; and an elderly (55-year-old) second pilot called Dan, tested only too well.

Our plane takes off. There are hints that one of the engines is suffering from metal fatigue. But all goes well until the point of no return. Five minutes later the engine hangs dangling.

Sullivan has to decide whether to ditch or plod on, risking a crash. Fortunately for everyone Dan won't let him ditch. He even lets Sullivan, who seems curiously grateful.

Mr Gann writes brilliantly of fictional human beings in the face of fear. This is definitely the sort of book I read with my mouth open, gasping for air.

Lone flight

MY mouth opened even wider for **THE SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS** (John Murray, 21s.), the autobiography of Colonel Charles Lindbergh, who flew the Atlantic solo in May 1927. What a story. And how well he tells it. Whatever I might have believed of Colonel Lindbergh's heroism I should never have expected him to write of it with the brilliance of a poet.

How the business men of St Louis backed him, how his single-seater was built for him, how every other flier in the race scratched or crashed.... How Lindbergh eventually took off on that wet May morning, to endure 33 hours solitary confinement, with five sandwiches in a paper bag and a quart of water; all this jolted me back in my easy chair.

There isn't a word of this 330-page book that should have been cut. There is not one tiny episode that is irrelevant to the character of this pioneer.

Good clean fun

LINDBERGH has been proved courageous. He has faced fear many times. How different he is from the superhuman heroes of fiction, this week plumed down like a gallant butterfly, by Richard Usborne in his delightfully witty book **OLUPLAND HEROES** (Constable, 10s.). Since he was eight, Mr. Usborne has worshipped those lawless figures created by the archromanticists Buchanan, Sapper, and Dornford Yates.

To these proportionate heroes the hunting down of crooks and foreign spies, without police sanction, is so much jolly good clean fun.

To break a man's back with bare hands, to kill with one blow, on the point of the law, and to be a hero, is the aim of the lawless heroes of fiction.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Weather Observations

BY HARRY WEINERT



ROSETTE FOR TOSCA



Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands pinning a rosette on Tosca, ridden by Britain's own Pat Smythe, co-winner of the Selby Cup with P. Beard on "Osta", and Dalethorpe on "Earlsrath Rambler" at the International Horse Show at White City. — Central Press Photo.

REMEMBER OLD JIM PARKS?

He Stands Alone In Wisden In Solitary Splendour

By ARCHIE QUICK

There is only one cricketer, happily still alive and kicking, who has ever hit 3,000 runs and taken 100 wickets in one English summer, or any other summer come to that. Raise your hats to Jim Parks, of Sussex. No, not the Jimmy Parks, of that same county, who has just won his Test spurs against Pakistan, but his father.

Jim Parks stands alone in Wisden in solitary splendour for the incredible feat he achieved in 1937. The only all-round performance comparable with that was George Hirst's 2,385 runs and 208 wickets in 1906, and, considering it was only 618 runs fewer but 107 wickets more, the Yorkshireman's deed was probably the greater.

"Old" Jim Parks—he is 51—went a professional to Blackpool after leaving Sussex and is now senior coach to Nottinghamshire in succession to Bill Vee. They think a lot of this quiet, reserved, rosy-cheeked man at Trent Bridge. He is three years older than brother Harry, who used to play in a great Sussex team with him, and who is now attached to Somersetshire.

SAYS MUCH

Jim used to open with Ted Bowley before the advent of John Laming, and it says much for the long years his first-class career spanned that, although it was in 1937 that his great year came, it was eight years previous to that when he and Bowley had an opening partnership of 368 against Gloucestershire at Avebury—the 15th highest in the game's history.

But if you really want to know the Parks family you must go to Haywards Heath in mid-Sussex. There Jim's mother, from their house nearby, the recreation ground of this pleasant market town, watched him set off with his bag 17 years ago to play in his first and only Test—against New Zealand at Nottingham.

There last week grandmother Parks proudly watched young Jim set off with his bag for Manchester for his first Test (and surely, not his last) against Pakistan. At the other end of the railway journey, equally proud, was Jim waiting to welcome the son for whom his wife gave her life. Time has turned full circle.

In villages and towns of Sussex like Haywards Heath the Parks, the Laminges, the Tates, the Coxes, and the Giffords are the local heroes, but not gods, for their careers are taken for granted and Haywards Heath will tell you that they are equally proud of Jim and Jimmy Parks, and of Harry, for their Sussex careers.

PROMOTERS FIGHT SHY OF AUCTION

By GEOFFREY SIMPSON

Blame the seasonal summer siesta for boxing, blame the one-third gate tax, but there have been "no bids" for two British Championship contests that have been in the market for many weeks.

The Board of Control have not received an offer from any promoter for the cruiser-weight match between Alex Buxton (holder) and Albert Finch, nor for the flyweight bout between Terry Allen (holder) and Eric Marsden. So the bidding date has been extended to August 14.

But could it be that this system of match-making by post is partly the cause? Promoters are afraid of bidding too low, and scared of going too high, so they stay out of these official fight auctions.

Making an offer in a sealed envelope to be opened with others on a fixed date is hardly a satisfactory way of doing business in these days when the profit margin is so narrow.

POPULAR BOUT

Mr Jack Solomons has bid for the middleweight title fight between Johnny Sullivan (Preston) and Gordon Hazell (Bristol) and offers have also been received for the return bantam title match between John Kelly (Belfast), the holder, and Peter Keenan (Glasgow).

Both bouts are likely to be held in September. Champion Allen has one fight in view—against Nazareno Gianselli, of Italy, for the vacant European flyweight title at Milan on September 10. Jimmy Sharkey, champion, who signed the European title fight, is likely to be the challenger.

LEAGUE BOWLS

ONE OR TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY BE DECIDED THIS AFTERNOON

By "TOUCHER"

One and perhaps two Lawn Bowls League Championships may be decided this afternoon.

In the First Division the League-leading holders, Recreio "Blues" will cross over to the Indian Recreation Club and a repetition of their earlier 5-0 win over the Indians will practically assure them of the title for the third year in succession.

The Indians were largely responsible for the Blues widening their lead during the week when they handed Kowloon Cricket Club a 4-1 defeat. With a 6½-point lead over the Cricket Club who are their next nearest rivals, Recreio "Blues" can do even with four points to be almost certain of retaining the Championship. On present form, they seem to have the needed points practically in the bag.

In the Second Division, the destination of the League title will hinge on two of this afternoon's matches. The more crucial game of the two will be that between Indian Recreation Club and Craigengower Cricket Club at Sookunpoo.

The Indians killed two birds with one stone when they beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 4-1 in their postponed match last Thursday. They not only jumped up to the top of the League table but also eliminated one serious threat in the process.

Craigengower Cricket Club, who are four points behind them with one match in hand, are almost exactly in the same position as the Indians and either side capable of coming out of this afternoon's match with a 4-1 win will be the likely winners of the Second Division League this season.

ONLY THREAT

The only threat will probably come from Talkoo who are at present only 2½ points behind IRC. Their match against Recreio this afternoon will therefore have a strong bearing on the outcome of the extremely close Second Division race. A defeat for Talkoo will mean their elimination from the race, but a 5-0 win will put them back in a strong challenging position.

The Third Division games will see a race between IRC and the Fillmore Club for points. Both have the same number of 30½ League points. IRC will be away to the Football Club and the Fillmore Club will be at home to the Police. The odds seem to be slightly in favour of the Fillmore Club to head next week's League table.

COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A few excellent third round Colony Open Triples Championship matches are scheduled for tomorrow.

Topping them will be the clash at Recreio between the current holders, J. Chubb, T. E. Baker and W. Hong Sling, and the 1949 winners, A. L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and J. McKelvie.

This promises to be not only a very close match but also one in which some very fine bowls will probably be seen.

At lead and No. 2 Eastman and Simpson together seem to enjoy a slight edge over Chubb and Baker and the issue will depend mainly on skip McKelvie's ability to hold up to Bill Hong Sling.

Another good match will be seen at the Hongkong Football Club between G. Hong Choy, G. A. Souza and J. S. Landolt and the Bowling Club trio of F. Francis, G. C. Norman and A. Harvey.

Here Hong Choy and Souza appear to be the slightly better front-men combination than Francis and Norman. Souza struck good form during the week and will be a great asset tomorrow if he can reproduce the form which enabled him to eliminate W. Hong Sling in the Craigengower Open Singles Championship.

Both skips, Landolt and Harvey, are among the most experienced in the Colony and both entertain a high regard for each other's ability. This could be an excellent match of tactics.

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division
IRC v Recreio Blues
KBGC v KDC

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WINNING PERFORMANCE



Mile J. Bonnaud, of France, who has been enjoying great success in all the major European Shows lately, jumping in the Ladies' Debutante Competition, which she won, at the International Horse Show at White City. — Central Press Service.

THE SPORTS ROUND-UP

The World's Top Golfers May Soon Start On A Globe-Trotting Circuit

The world's top golfers may soon start on a globe-trotting circuit, like the leading tennis players. Plans for organising such a scheme are at present being discussed by U.S., Canadian and European enthusiasts.

One of the men behind the idea is John Jay Hopkins, donor of the Canada Cup annually competed for by American and Canadian teams.

The Open Champion himself, Peter Thompson.

UNIQUE RECORD

Terry Allen, British and former European and World Flyweight Champion, gets a chance to recapture the European title at Milan on September 10.

He meets Nazareno Gianselli, of Italy, for the title rendered vacant at the beginning of the year when the holder, Frenchman Louis Skena, moved up into the bantamweight division. Victory for Allen will give him a unique record, that of winning four titles without once being a reigning champion.

In 1950 he won the world title, relinquished by Rinty Monaghan, by beating Belgian Honore Pratesi; in 1951 he beat Vic Herman to succeed Monaghan as British Champion; in 1952, having lost the crown to Teddy Gardner, Allen regained it on Gardner's retirement by defeating Eric Marsden.

Miss Jean Donald, one of Britain's three women golf professionals, is to compete against leading British and Continental men players in the Swiss Open Championship on September 3-4.

Miss Donald is the first British woman player to play in a man's event. No special concessions will be made and she will drive from the men's tees. The title is at present held by Flory Van Donck of Belgium.

PLASTIC COMES IN

Plastic, that most modern of inventions, has come to that most traditional of games, cricket. At a London cricket school recently, Middlesex players Fred Titmus and Don Bennett tested a new plastic covering for cricket bats.

It is claimed that the covering will double perhaps treble the life of the blade. Titmus and Bennett found its surface most satisfactory.

Good news for "nabbits". The ball comes off the edge of plastic covering faster than off wood. So there is more chance of those streaky shots going for four.

Dianne Leather, Britain's two-minute mile girl, will run against Nina Okalenko over 800 metres in the European.

Another Watcott is trending the ranks of the professional boxing ladder. His name is Vincent and he is the son of Jersey Joe, former World Heavyweight Champion.

Watcott senior was originally against his son following in his footsteps. But young Vince was so persistent that father gave way. Now he spends most of his time coaching the youngster and passing on tips gained in 21 years of professional boxing.

LONG REST FOR BILLY

Billy Knight, British and Australian Junior Tennis Champion, has been ordered to take a long rest from the game. He may be out for as long as six months. At first it was thought he was suffering from "tennis elbow", a not uncommon complaint.

A specialist examination however has shown that some of the muscles of his racket arm—he is a left-hander—have become overdeveloped. He is unable to straighten his arm.

R. W. V. Robins, former Middlesex and England captain, leads an MCC side against a touring team from Canada in a two-day match at Lord's commencing on July 31. The MCC side includes three other former England captains, R. E. S. Wyatt, G. O. Allen and F. R. Brown.

LOCKE HEADS LIST

Bobby Locke, of South Africa, three times winner of the Open Golf Championship, heads the latest PGA Order of Merit table. This takes in the Open at Royal Birkdale—in which Locke was second. From four tournaments he has a stroke average of 71.05.

Second is Dai Rees, who shared second place in the Open with Locke and Sid Scott. His stroke average is 71.28.

Failure to qualify for all four rounds of the Open bars from the list stars like Eric Brown, Bernard Hunt, Charlie Ward, Ken Bowfield, Arthur Lea, Reg Horne, John Fenton and Tom Halliburton. Notable absences among the leaders is

Bobby socker



AN ENGLAND "B" CRICKET ELEVEN IS AN INTERESTING IDEA, BUT IMPRACTICAL

Says ALEC BEDSER

How times do change! I remember in the period immediately after the war when the main topic of sporting conversation in England was: "What's wrong with our cricket?"

Then we were being humbled by Australia under their great captain, Sir Donald Bradman, and with a team which must surely rank as one of the greatest seen in Test cricket. That side which toured England in 1948 had everything.

Round about that time England had a fine soccer side. Now our soccer is going through a bad patch—though I am sure it is capable of making a strong recovery—while the success of our national cricket eleven seems to be satisfying even the strongest critics.

The big test, of course, arrives in our next winter when the MCC go to Australia to try and keep the Ashes. Don't ask me whether we shall succeed, for I am hesitant when it comes to predicting cricket results. But I shall be very disappointed if we don't pull it off.

One reason why I brought soccer into my introductory paragraphs is that they play in

Work Hint To Footballers

It could be that England's lamentable failure in recent international games has had something to do with it, but there are unmistakable signs of a tightening-up of training methods and discipline at English League football grounds where the players have already started preparations for the new season.

Wolverhampton staff were greeted by dressing-room notices printed in the club colours black and gold: "There is no substitute for hard work." It was not long before they were sampling a new schedule of training in which ball control practice was a feature.

Chairman J. Privett's welcome to the Postlethwaite players was: "You probably won't want a long speech from me. Let's get out on the field." And there they were put through a completely different training routine to that of former seasons. Monotony is eliminated and the competitive spirit encouraged. Hard work is to be included later.

At Derby, manager Jack Barker told his county men: "Your training hours will be longer and stiffer." For the first time in post-war years they will be training morning and afternoon from Monday to Friday.

Coventry players face a new five-day-a-week training programme and chairman W. E. Shanks has told them: "Daily hours will be 9.45 to 4, and only players proving they can maintain absolute fitness without extra afternoon work will be given permission to be away." There will be emphasis on ball play, which the management say will beat the kick-and-rush that is so prevalent in English football.

Reports like these come in from far and wide, and it may well be we shall see a change for the better in English League football this coming season.

Europe what is known as a "B" match, in which the eleven is mainly made up of young and promising players. Since England's second Test with Pakistan, won by England by an innings, it has been suggested there should be "B" matches against certain opposition, which, at the present time, may be just below the highest standards found in international cricket.

My own belief is that it would not work, although I am prepared to admit it would give the up and coming players, on the fringe of the England team, an excellent opportunity of advancing their claims.

Whether the public would be excited over "B" Tests, or the selectors would gain much help, I am doubtful. Young players in England are shrewdly introduced into big cricket before they are ready, and what's more, their capabilities can usually be assessed by their showings against the stronger counties.

ACCEPTED AXIOM

Before the war, when Yorkshire were at their strongest it was an accepted axiom by the selectors to "see what he does against Yorkshire before putting him in the Test side." And it was a theory which was sound enough to work.

In England there are 92 Football League teams, while there are only 17 first-class cricket counties—and real talent is not likely to be hidden in 17 teams.

The one main reason for a trial match is to discover a player's temperament and reaction to the big occasion, and "B" games might well supply that important answer.

Casting my mind over the possibilities there would be for such a match I find some interesting names. I would make Colin Cowdrey captain, and include such promising material as Terry Spencer (Leicester), Peter Loader (Surrey), Fred Titmus and Don Bennett (Middlesex), Edwin Smith (Derby), Keith Andrew (Northamptonshire), the wicket-keeper, Ray Parks (Sussex), Brian Hedges (Glamorgan) and "Bomber" Wells (Gloucester). The last-named is an off-spinner who gets his nickname from service in the RAF.

None of the lads I have mentioned have played for England, but if they continue to improve there is no reason why they should not be claiming a place in the future.

Such sides could be reinforced with experienced players like Don Kenyon (Worcestershire), Constable (Surrey), Milton (Gloucester), Wootton (Warwickshire) and the like.

RETIRED

Emrys Davies, of whom I wrote some weeks back, has announced his retirement. He has achieved his ambition of playing for Glamorgan until he was 50 years of age—he celebrated his birthday this month—and so he ends a span of 30 years' first-class cricket.

Emrys, a left-handed bat and slow left arm bowler, scored 32 centuries and 27,000 runs, and took over 900 wickets. He played over 1,000 innings for Glamorgan.

The County Committee has made him an honorary life member of the club and a testimonial will probably be organised. At any rate the club are considering a "suitable form of acknowledgment for his wonderful service to Glamorgan cricket."

When Surrey played Yorkshire recently I was glad to learn from Willie Watson that his young son, Graham is well again. Willie has had an anxious time with this lad, which may account for the bad period this fine left-hander has recently experienced.

I have been amused at a minor controversy which started in the correspondence column of a leading daily newspaper in London. It all started with a reader's suggestion that umpires, in order not to clash with fielders, should wear black coats instead of white.

C.B. Fry, who still enjoys a vigorous argument, immediately replied by recalling he once played in India with a black-coated umpire. And as this umpire had given him run out when he was well past the stumps, Fry was not in favour of umpires, clad in black. Sir Pelham Warner was another who opposed the idea. And I presume the matter is now buried.

Young M.J.K. Smith, an opening batsman of much promise, experienced the full cycle of cricket's fortunes within a week. He made an undefeated double century for Oxford against Cambridge in the University match, and seven days later, when opening for Leicestershire, fell to the Hampshire attack without scoring. That's the way it goes.

AUSTRALIANS WELCOME HUTTON'S APPOINTMENT

Len Hutton's selection to lead the MCC in Australia this winter has been acclaimed by cricketers everywhere. Especially by the Australians themselves.

The Melbourne Age columnist sums up their feelings when he writes:

"That is as it should be—on personal form and experience as well as on leadership—and results over three Test series he has led England against India, Australia and the West Indies. The surprise was that the 'Drop-Hutton' kites ever got sufficiently airborne for any serious advocacy."

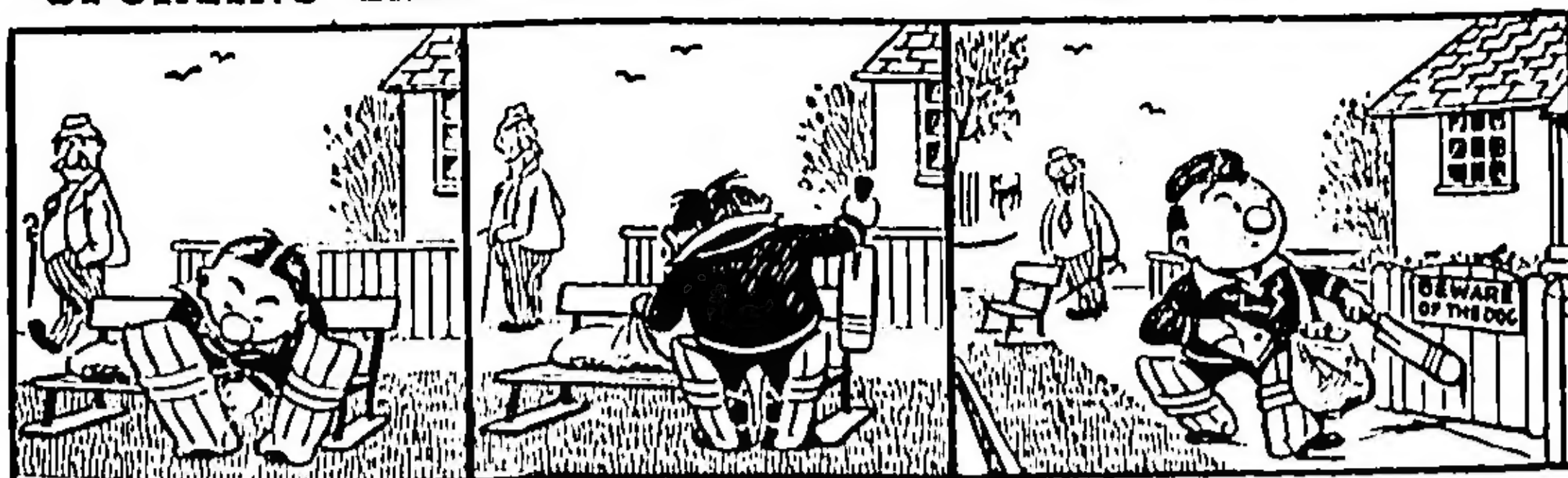
"Australians applauded Hutton's appointment in 1952 as England's first full time professional skipper. By the principle supported then, plus the gratitude and appreciation of the success that followed that move for England, we acclaim his reappointment now."

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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Another Wood In The Bag—A No. 5 Is On Its Way

Says BERNARD HUNT

A lot of the people who have decried the popularity of the number 4 wood during the last few years will be astonished to learn that the number 5 wood is now on its way. I am having some made right now and I believe they will be in very common use very shortly. The Americans, I understand, have had them on the go for some time.

I have always felt that the number 4 wood was just about as useful a club as any handicap player could have in his bag. The number 5 will be even more useful. It will be a little shorter in the shaft and steeper in the face than the number 4—it will have something like the face of a number 6 iron—and will be invaluable for bunting the ball out of those awkward cuppy lies and, very often, out of that toughish light rough.

In the main the new club is built like the ordinary number 4 wood except, perhaps, that it will have a steeper lie—out of cuppy lies or divot holes, or from light rough. I also use it for playing high dropping shots to the green from a distance of about 180 to 200 yards. The new number 5 will cover the same sort of shots but will be even easier to use—especially for the handicap player and for the ladies. At the moment most handicap players prefer to use a number 4 wood rather than a number 2 iron. They can get the ball away better and can get just about the same distance. That is purely because they have more loft on the club and far more confidence in using it. The number 5 will give them almost as much distance and I think it will quickly become very popular.

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This is my brother Geof using his No. 4 wood to crack the ball 200 yards from a pivot hole. Note the position—ball opposite left heel with stance very slightly open. Secret of the shot is to hit down and through the ball and let the club, with its slim but steep face, pick the ball out and send it on its way.

Once you get the "feel" of these shorter, smaller woods you never regret adding them to your bag. There is no problem about them; the only danger is that some people, especially women, too often ask too much from them. I know one lady who even takes her 4 wood from a bunker!

I don't swing quite as far back with my spoon as with my driver and I take the same shorter swing with my number 4. I also make a point of opening my stance slightly—and I mean slightly—when I am using the 4 from a lightish lie and hit the ball from a position opposite my left heel. The idea of the slightly open stance is to help to keep the face of the club well open during the shot and so pick the ball up easily.

As important as the idea of not over-swinging is the need to maintain a firm grip—not a fierce one—throughout the shot and for a firm strike through with no tendency to scoop. You must leave the club to do the work it is designed to do.

If you use your 4 wood at a short hole, off a tee, put the ball down on a low peg. You have plenty of loft to get the ball up. Alternatively, choose a grassy patch and do not use a peg at all. For this shot use a square stance and strike from a centre position.

DON'T IGNORE NO. 2 IRON

When you play off a down-ward or hanging lie take the club more off the back foot and again be absolutely certain to go down and through—following down the slope after the ball has gone if you can get the idea better from that.

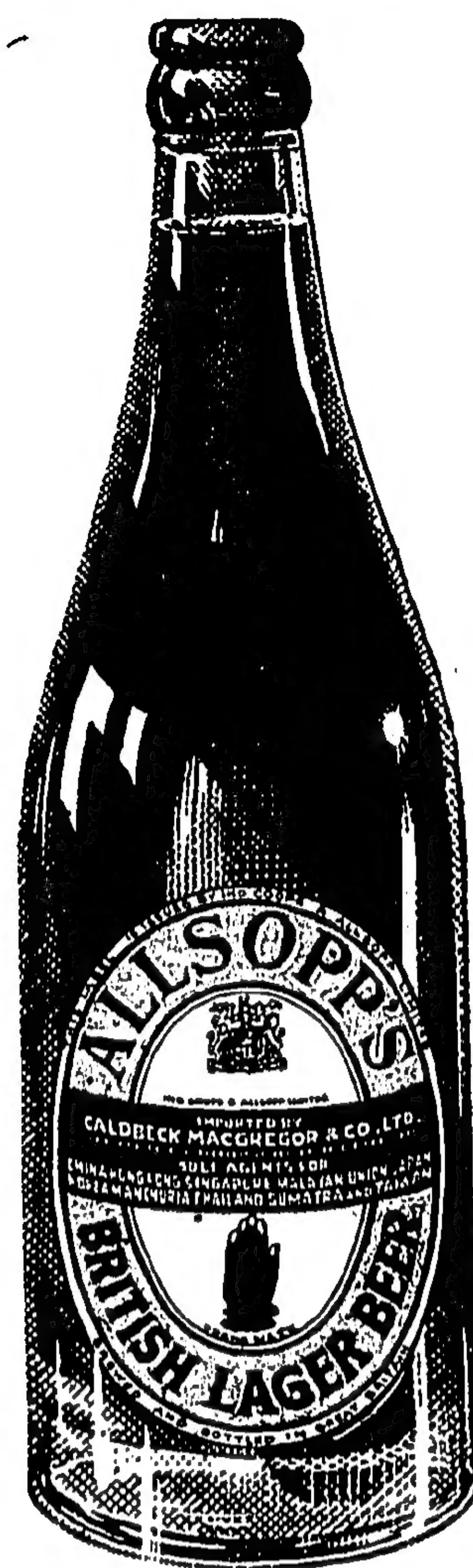
The same idea must be applied when you tackle those nasty cuppy lies. But I have found that as long as you get really down to the ball and hit through—letting the specially designed head do the work it is intended to do—the results are wonderful. The ball comes out beautifully and flies astonishing distances.

When the number 5 wood comes into general circulation I suppose the number 2 iron will get a further blow. Few long handicap players use their 2 iron now—which is a pity. The main reason is that they are afraid of it. They note the comparative lack of face on the No. 2 and automatically try to pick the ball up. That, of course, is fatal; a bad shot results and the poor old number 2 is banished for another long time.

As with the number 4 wood—and the number 5—if you let your 2 iron do its job and have the confidence to sweep through the ball you will get surprisingly pleasant results. A long raking 2 iron shot can be one of the most satisfying in the game.

Why not have a session with your local professional with your number 4 wood AND your 2 iron? If you get friendly with these two clubs your pleasures will be tremendously increased. An hour with your professional and an hour on the practice green—if your system would stand the shock—could work wonders.

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by Barry Appleby



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the BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

Huskies Are Brave And Reliable Friends

By ERNEST S. KELLY

DOGS make wonderful pets. But in some parts of Canada and Alaska dogs are much more than mere pets. They are friends, fellow hunters, pullers of sleds and general beasts of burden.

The most famous and most useful of sled dogs is the Siberian Husky, a breed renowned for long, cold winters, little food and hard work.

The Eskimo Husky consists of three main breeds, Eskimo, the Samoyed, and the Ostiak. Huskies are less domesticated than other dogs, and are hardly ever house-broken. They are very hardy, and think nothing of pulling great loads over trackless wastes of unbroken snow.

The Husky is powerfully built, and in lean, well-muscled body is protected by a thick coat of hair. They are very large and often weigh over 60 pounds.



Eskimo Huskies yearly pit their strength and pulling abilities against each other in interesting races in Canada.

Sled dogs are an important part of the Canadian way of life, especially during the long winters in Canada's far northern outposts. Often, they are the only means of transportation. Many are the strange but true tales that come out of the north about the spirit and heroism of the sled dog. It is no wonder that the Husky is treated with respect and admiration in the far north.

This fact is proven by the ever-increasing popularity of the Annual Dog Sled Races held in Canada every February. The race started outside Chateau Laurier, with the course running 32 miles along the famous Kluane Canal. The whole competition takes three days—with one main race per day.

This year's winner was Emile Martell, a native of Quebec. (He also won first prize in 1951.) He was awarded a gold trophy and a purse of US \$1,000.

A Quebec postman, runner-up in this year's race, drives his team of Labrador dogs six miles every day to deliver the mail.

Most sled dogs are Siberian huskies, a hardy, fierce, and

willing breed of northern dog that will obey one master only and will fight to the last if attacked by wolves or other wild animals.

Fiction to the contrary, Huskies will not desert the team and join wolf packs. Huskies are steady, reliable and fun-loving. They live happily on a diet of fish and raw meat.

Most contestants breed and train their own dogs and are jealous guardians of training secrets.

The race this year was slowed down by the unusually mild weather. Sled dogs run faster in cold weather and don't get so thirsty. This year, due to the mildness, the dogs stopped now and then to lick snow—a habit of Huskies.

Men and women are keen contestants in these races and women drivers always make a good

showing. Although it is generally agreed that sled dogs will perform better for men than for women.

COULD TRAINS BE ALIVE?

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were walking slowly down the path to the garden wall. It was when they had reached the wall and had seated themselves on top of it with their legs dangling down that suddenly they heard, coming from far off, the sound of a locomotive whistle.

It was the sound of the locomotive whistle that made Hanid say to Knarf: "Trains sound as though they are alive, don't they?"

Iron Horses

Knarf said: "I think they are alive."

"No, they really aren't," said Hanid. "Trains are made of steel. Nothing that's made of steel can be alive."

"But trains move," said Knarf. "They go from one place to another, just the way people do."

"That's right," said Hanid. "And," continued Knarf, "they carry people all over just the way horses do. And horses are alive."

Hanid laughed. "You know, Knarf," she said, "people used to call trains 'iron horses' but even though trains are like horses they aren't alive."

"Trains eat too," said Knarf. Hanid looked surprised. "They do?" she said.

"Yes, they eat coal," said Knarf. "And they drink water. It goes into the boiler of the locomotive, just like water goes into our stomach."

"Still and all," said Hanid, "even though trains move from place to place, and carry people, and eat and drink, they still aren't alive."

The Train's Many Voices

"They make noise," said Knarf. "They call, they snort, they puff. They also whistle. And they ring bells," said Hanid.

Knarf said: "I think they are alive."

Continental Interest In Football

A GOALKEEPER leaps for the ball and this week's new set of stamps puts the emphasis on sport. In fact, the subject of all four is football, the game which Britain taught the world and is now being brought to new heights by Continental teams.



The new set of stamps comes from Liechtenstein, a tiny State of 11,000 people sandwiched between Switzerland and Austria.

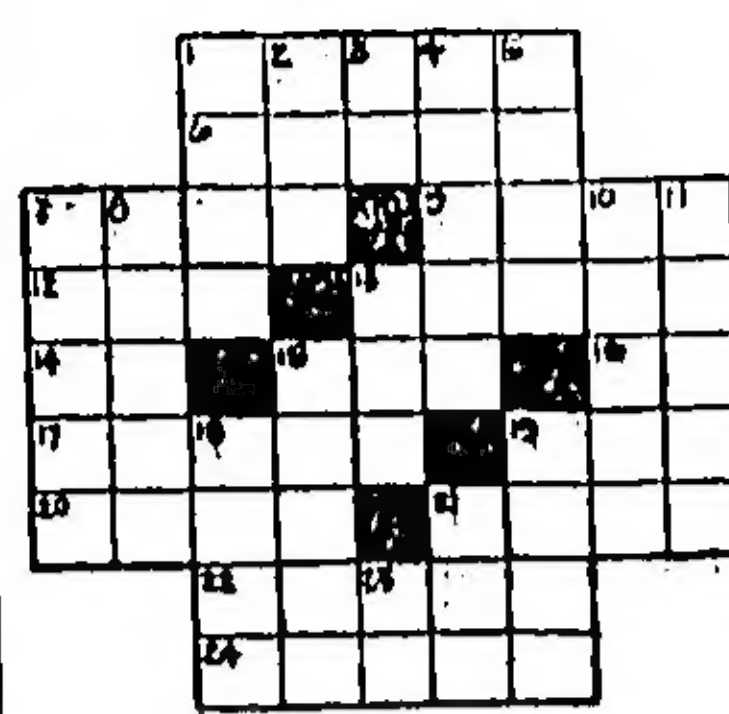
It is not a rich country. Indeed, stamps form an important part of its revenue and it sends them regularly to dealers all over the world.

There is an ever-open market because the price is low and the technical standard of the stamps high. In fact, the postal authorities and designers of Liechtenstein score every time.

Their "footballers" are printed in photogravure, perforated 1½ and the set of four costs 2/6d. in London. J.A.A.

YOUR PUZZLE CORNER

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Recompense
- 2 Idolise
- 3 Challenge
- 4 Manufactured
- 5 High card
- 6 Hazard
- 7 Behold!
- 8 Crispness
- 9 Negative reply
- 10 Mistake
- 11 Energy (coll.)
- 12 Filipp
- 13 Unclotted
- 14 Goddess of vegetation
- 15 Worms

DOWN

- 1 Uncommon
- 2 City in The Netherlands
- 3 Italian river
- 4 Provided with weapons
- 5 Period of time
- 6 River valleys
- 7 Oak nut
- 8 Eater
- 9 Run away to marry
- 10 Through
- 11 Stout cords
- 12 Contest of speed
- 13 Go by
- 14 Honey-maker
- 15 Right side (ab.)

True Or False?

Can you decide correctly whether each of the following sentences is true or false?

1. Panama hats are not made in Panama.
2. A water table is a table in a restaurant where water is kept.
3. A sandhog is a small animal that lives in the sand.
4. A Navy Captain ranks higher than an Army Major.

Triangle

This triangle is based on MANNEYS. The second word is "a parent"; third, "pulled"; fourth, "farm building"; fifth, "refuse"; and sixth, "a great sufferer." Complete the triangle:

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A
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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, JULY 31

BORN today, you have a highly idealistic nature and may find it just a little bit difficult to adjust to the roughest competitive world. You believe that a man's intrinsic worth is his greatest asset. The world is more apt to count it in dollars and cents. You are positively allergic to posturing and sham, and must get at the exact truth at all times. Since you are always searching for the good in life, you may become restless if you do not learn to recognize the good in that which is near at hand.

You enjoy travel and will probably want to spend a great deal of your time in foreign countries. Some kind of a career which would permit you to pick up and go where your fancy leads would be a good idea. You do not enjoy routine of any kind and find it very difficult to settle down to a desk job in which you do the same thing over and over, day after day. You must have variety to inspire your imagination.

It may be easy for you to find exactly the right marriage partner, for in addition to beauty, you need want brains. You women don't want just a successful business man, but need someone who has high ideals. With the right kind of mate, who can inspire and encourage you, substantial success may be yours. Among those born on this date were: Paul du Chastell, explorer; James Kent, statesman; and Abram S. Hewitt, one-time New York City mayor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

LEO (July 21-Aug. 23)—A Leo day for all your efforts. Follow up a good idea. After attending church, plan some appropriate recreation. You should bring happiness into your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)—Today should be your day for a good idea. You can plan about anything you wish.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You are in for a good idea. You can plan about anything you wish.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You are in for a good idea. You can plan about anything you wish.

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GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You are in for a good idea. You can plan about anything you wish.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You are in for a good idea. You can plan about anything you wish.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Even Experts Can Make Some Boners

By OSWALD JACOBY

I HAVE shown so many well-played hands from the recent tournament for the Vanderbilt Cup that it is time to strike a balance. Today's hand demonstrates that even experts can play very badly.

Very few experts would agree with West's opening bid of four hearts. This might have been a wise choice if he had not outside strength, but most experts avoid an opening preemptive bid on a solid suit with a side ace for fear of missing a slam.

South wasn't very proud of his bid of four spades, but he felt compelled to take some sort of action if West had no defensive strength, as his opening bid tended to indicate. South had an excellent chance of finding a few helpful cards in the North hand.

East's penalty double was not unreasonable, but it is difficult to see why West passed either four spades or the double of four spades. Having made a bid pre-emptive bid to begin with, however, he was forced

NORTH 28			
♠ A 9	♥ J 10 6	♦ Q 10 8	♣ K 10 7 3 2
WEST (D)			
♠ 8	♥ A K Q 8 7 5 3	♦ A 5 3	♣ A 5 3
SOUTH			
♠ A K Q 7 6 2	♥ 3	♦ 7 0 2	♣ A J 4
Both sides vul.			
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ K			

to guess at each subsequent turn to bid. This is, of course, an additional argument against making shut-out bids on such good hands.

West opened the king of hearts, winning the first trick. It was then obvious to him, of course, that a heart continuation could do no good.

West should have led the ace of diamonds next to see what kind of signal he got from his partner. East would actually have played the encouraging nine of diamonds, and a diamond continuation would then defeat the contract. If East failed to play an encouraging diamond, West could shift to clubs in the hope that his partner had the ace of clubs and could give him a ruff.

When the hand was actually played, West led the eight of clubs at the second trick, without first trying to find out about the diamonds. Declarer played low from dummy, and all would still have been well if East had likewise played a low club. Instead, however, East got the curious impression that his partner was trickily understanding the ace of clubs. He therefore put up the queen of clubs and handed the doubled contract to South.

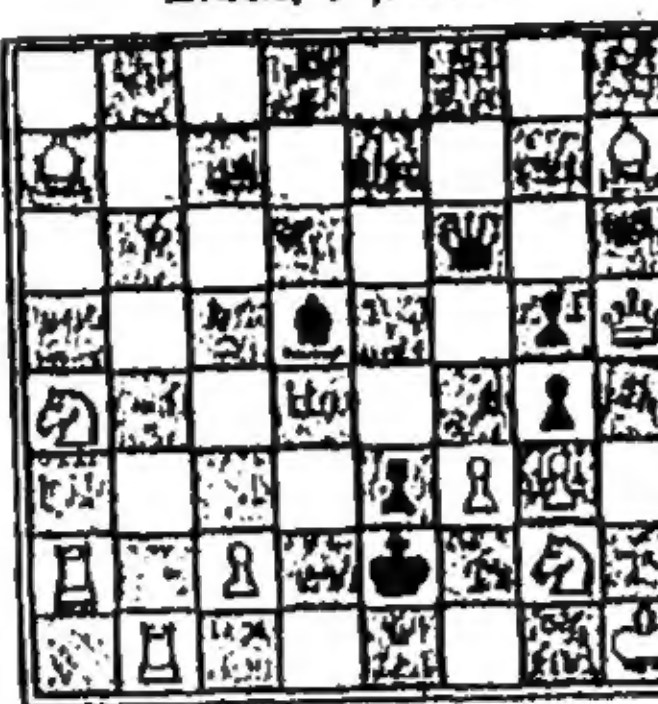
South won with the ace of clubs, drew trumps, and cheerfully ran off the rest of the clubs, making 11 tricks in all. When the hand was played at the other table, West made five hearts doubled, so that the total "swing" on the hand was 1,840 points.

DUMB BELLS



CHESS PROBLEM

By J. A. SANCHO



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Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Q3 threat 2. Kt-B2, 1... Kt-K6, K16, 2. B-B8; 1... Kt-K2, 2. Kt-K13.

Concert Records:

Fine Playing Of Vienna Octet

THE E flat major octet which Mendelssohn composed just before he was 17 is seldom heard or even mentioned these days, which adds to the pleasure of the fine playing which the Vienna Octet gives to it. It is almost unfamiliar music.

These admirably adroit Viennese musicians have made a number of notable records, and this one is among their best (London). Four of them joined with Alfred Boskovsky, a clarinetist with amazing tonal quality, for a deep-running performance of Brahms' B minor quintet (London).

Brahms' B major trio, composed in his youth and completely revised in his full maturity, is of unfailing, if unexciting, interest. A new recording of it by the Trio di Trieste is a carefully considered, cautiously unfolded performance, appropriate to the music (London).

Hugo Wolf's one quartet is on a record for the first time, played by the New Music Quartet. You can understand why it has taken so long. To musicians and connoisseurs it will be a conversation piece because of the composer, but most admirers of the songs will turn back at once to the songs. On the same record is the Italian Serenade. This and the quartet were Wolf's total output of

chamber music (Columbia). Much more invigorating and interesting are Parisian recordings of Mozart's quintet for piano, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon and the Camille-Saint-Saens' quartet for oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon attributed to him; and also of two Bach trios—for flute, violin, and clavier and flute, oboe and clavier—and two duos, one for flute and clavier, the other for violin and clavier (L'Oiseau-Lyre).

The Mozart was performed by members of the French Wind Quintet and Robert Veyron-Lacroix, piano; the Bach, by the well-known Collegium Pro-Arte. Both composers would have been forgotten long ago and if these pieces were representative of their best work, they are all more or less novel to the listeners who also notice that the musicians were enjoying themselves.

The year 1956 will be the 200th anniversary year of the birth of Mozart. Already the first Mozart "jubilee year" record is at hand—of the two flute concertos (K. 310 and 314), played by Hubert Barwahser and the Vienna Symphony. They're nicely played (Epic).

—DELOS SMITH

Reach For The Sky

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English, three or four of the pilots were English and the rest were Canadians. Wild Canadians, the least tractable young officers he had ever seen, and most allergic to commanding officers? God knows what they would think when they heard that the new CO had no legs. Already unrest had affected the whole squadron. They needed someone pretty strong and active to discipline them.

The news of his arrival had reached the squadron. One of the pilots encountered Bernard West, the squadron engineer officer, and said: Have you seen the new CO?

"No, I haven't," West was greatly interested and a little wary. "What's this one like?"

"Bit unusual," the pilot said cryptically. "He's got no legs."

West, a warrant officer of 20 years' service who had seen most things in the Air Force, groaned.

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NEXT WEDNESDAY

Bader's telegram causes a sensation.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

LET someone mention the Continental Sunday in a newspaper, and at once the letters pour in. One would imagine that French provincial towns break out into a Dionysian frenzy every Sunday. Oh, the Bacchanalia in Clermont-Ferrand! One letter I have just read attributes the French defeat of 1940 to the Continental Sunday. And evidently many people are troubled by strange visions of English milk-bars, Popsibooks Cafeterias, and Hygienade Kiosks open all through Sunday and rhyding with the giggles of girls who are being lifted on to tables and toasted in loud voices by men in tennis-clothes.

Little Bo-Pest "DAD-DY, why are we trying to bully France into joining a bo-dy which we refuse to join ourselves. The cas-es are diff-er-ent. We have com-mit-ments outside Eur-ope."

"Dad-dy, is-n't la-do Chi-na outside Eur-ope—or does-n't it count as a com-mit-ment?"

"Go to sleep! You don't un-der-stand these things."

Suet clarifies the coal muddle

CHARLIE SUET made an attempt yesterday to clear up the coal scandal. He said: "Anyone who orders, before dress-designer Raoul Rabbe,

August 31, not less than three tons of coal will get it at a reduction of 14s. 3d. a ton and a quarter, provided that he gives the coal merchant a written guarantee to take the non-inflammable grade 18 coal on a date not earlier than September 10, which is the first day on which he will have to pay the full price, plus the rise of 2s. 6d. a ton which comes into force on that day. This arrangement is to ensure that the consumers can help the merchants to get rid of the lowest grade coal which nobody will buy during the winter. Of course, those who prefer inflammable higher-grade coal can put down their names for fewer, per household, to be delivered in February 1955, at the price prevailing at the time."

The most striking moment at last night's midnight party in welcome Mrs. "Jimmie" Webb-Foot's Pekinese Puce back from the vet. came when Mr. Paul Umbrage lit a cigarette for the dog. Model Betty ("Yaya") Fawcett helped Puce to smoke it, while Mr. Garth and Whalebone crouched down and pretended to puff. "Isn't he adorable?" murmured actress

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DART WORDS

YOUR starting point today is APTITUDE and your goal is KINIFE. You have to use all the words in the circle to reach your goal, arranging them so that the one word is changing the last by one of six rules.

1. The word may be an anagram of the word that precedes it.
2. It may be a synonym of the word that precedes it.
3. It may be formed by adding one letter to, or subtracting one letter from, the preceding word.
4. It may be associated with the preceding word in a saying, simile, metaphor, or association of ideas.
5. It may be a word which the preceding word is a well-known name of a place, or thing in fact or fiction.
6. It may be associated with the preceding word in a title or in the action of a book, play, or other composition.
A typical succession of words might be: Crack—cock—cock—Homer—Rod—Don—Jude.

(Solution on Page 20)

CROSSWORD

Across

1. No sent plover—on a change for all those wrong numbers? (12)
2. This will bring you down the slope very quickly. (8)
3. You want an answer to this one. (6)
4. You leave from here. (4)
5. Can it always hide a girl? (6)
6. Thore's included in board residence. (6)
7. What you get this, the other supposed to be. (6)
8. Trace up to and on the side of a hill. (8)
9. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)
10. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)

Down

1. He asked for a sound reason for something. (10)
2. Found in most of the world. (10)
3. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)
4. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)
5. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)
6. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)
7. This is a high where has one of the four. (10)
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CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Dmd. 1 Spade 2 Clubs 2 Spades 2 N.T. Pass?

Ans. South holds: Spade 6, Heart 4, 5, 6, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs A-K-Q-J-5-2. What do you do?

A—Bid four clubs. Game at clubs should be just as easy as game at no-trumps, and it may be a good deal safer in view of the fact that the opponents are likely to have a strong hand.

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 6, Heart 4, 5, 6, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs A-K-Q-J-5-2. What do you do?

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